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The Township Receives \$900,000 in State Grants For Land Preservation

Princeton Township has been granted \$400,000 from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program for use toward the Coventry Farm land preservation effort, located on The Great Road.

Additionally, the DEP awarded Delaware and Raritan Greenway a \$500,000 non-profit land preservation grant to be used toward the Coventry project. Greenway is Central New Jersey's regional land trust.

The grants are products of land preservation efforts begun in 2001 to save the land along The Great Road from being developed. At the time, an agreement with the Hillier Group was in its final stages of planning for age-restricted housing. In the end, Hillier offered to yield the land for conservation with a quarter-million dollar discount of the property's \$9.5 million value.

The D&R Greenway works through donations and bargain sale agreements, as was the case in the Hillier agreement. It also works with the state and municipality to leverage funds.

John Watson Jr., administrator of Green Acres, said the program benefits communities that have open space master plans in what is termed as a Planning Incentive Category.

"Basically, the policy of the program is to fund as many worthy projects as we can," he said.

The program essentially collects taxes from participating municipalities for open space purposes. These municipalities fall into a Planning Incentive Category, a new classification that raises the state grant share to 50 percent of what is previously collected through the program. Formerly, the state contributed 25 percent of the initial dollar amount.

Mr. Watson said the program achieves a higher level of efficacy by "buying into" open space preservation mandates on municipal master plans. "We try to re-charge municipalities' accounts every year instead of having to re-apply year after year for every parcel of land [to be preserved]," he said.

Further, the program enables

Four Candidates Contend for Seat on Council

Four candidates and more than 40 Princeton residents gathered on Sunday, December 14, to learn about the potential replacement for Joe O'Neill's seat on Borough Council.

The candidates are Andrew Koontz of Spruce Street, Jenny Crumiller of Library Place, Mark Freda of Fisher Avenue, and Anne Waldron Neumann of Alexander Road.

Once Mayor-Elect O'Neill takes on his new position in January, his Council seat will be filled by a Borough resident voted in by current Council members. The Princeton Democratic Committee will recommend a group of three candidates in the near future.

Different from past years, the Democratic Committee chose to allow the public to get to know the candidates prior to the Council vote this year. Also varying from other years, a number of individuals have shown interest in the seat, while in the past only one or two residents came forward.

Yina Moore of Green Street also stood up during the candidates' brief presentations, voicing an

interest in the position. However, she said she does not have the time to commit to the position. Ms. Moore said her family has been part of the community for three generations, and a new, more diverse opinion is needed on the Council.

"I hope the newly seated Council person will draw from the community and the many experiences they've had here," Ms. Moore said.

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Heavy Rains Take Princeton by Storm, Several Roadways Closed by Flooding

Heavy rains soaked the area early last Thursday causing a mid-day mess that forced the closure of several main arteries in Princeton Township, including Rosedale Road, Route 27, and Harrison Street.

The flooding, caused by intense rainfall over a three-hour period, was the worst the Township had seen in several years.

"The magnitude of the flood waters was close to that of [1999's] Hurricane Floyd," said Township Engineer Robert Kiser.

He said the flooding was exacerbated by a rapid snow melt from

One of the hottest topics of debate between candidates at the forum, which was held at the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center, was how to get the University to contribute more to Borough expenses. Mr. Freda suggested taking money the University donates and using it to directly decrease the Borough's debt.

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APPLES AND ORANGES: Children participating in a tree trimming celebration at Cotsen Children's Library prepare garlands of oranges and apples to hang outside to feed birds and other forest creatures.

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Eating Disorder Program Offered at Middle Schools

The Eating Disorders Program at University Medical Center at Princeton is taking its message of prevention into the classroom, offering adolescent girls at several central New Jersey middle schools a series of seminars aimed at promoting self-esteem.

Low self-esteem is often a risk factor that may increase a girl's likelihood of developing an eating disorder. "Helping Girls Become Strong Women" is an eight-session course currently being offered in John Witherspoon Middle School, Applegarth Middle School in Monroe Township, and Timberlane Middle School in Hopewell Valley. A series of spring sessions are presently being developed at other area middle schools.

The curriculum for the program was written by Ann Kearney-Cooke, Ph.D., Partnership for Women's Health at Columbia University. Funding for the program was provided by the Princeton HealthCare System Foundation and the Princeton Area Community Foundation's Fund for Women and Girls.

As many as 25 girls are enrolled in the program at each school, learning to develop a positive body image, set goals, develop healthy relationships and deal with stress. In order to reinforce the lessons students learn in the sessions, each must involve an adult in the program, as well. Each student selects a woman in her life to serve as a mentor and attend several educational sessions to learn the same skills.

Christmas Fund Appeal Is Off to a Promising Start

Contributions totaling \$26,250 have been received in three weeks for the Town Topics Christmas Fund, putting us closer to our goal this year of raising \$50,000. Behind every dollar there is a story...

Peter works in a laundry part-time. He would like to work more hours, but his boss says she has to "spread the work around." He has worked at this job for over six months now and that is a real accomplishment for him. Peter is a recovering heroin addict and in the past he had trouble maintaining steady employment. In addition to paying rent for his small room, buying food, and taking the bus to work, he pays child support for his three-year old son. Until he can work more hours, he doesn't always have enough money to make ends meet. Peter often used to request financial help for bus fare and lunch money, but he has learned to manage his money more efficiently so the requests are now necessary only two or three times a year. With the money donated to the Town Topics Christmas Fund, under-employed people can get help to cover work-related expenses.

Corina has three children ages six, three, and six months. She was on welfare for several years, but reached the maximum number of years she could receive help. She did receive training as a home health aide and now has a chance for a job in a nursing home. Corina is concerned about finding affordable, reliable child-care. She has no support from her family who live in Alabama, and the father of the children has been incarcerated for the past year. She first requested financial help when she needed diapers and baby aspirin which are not purchasable with Food Stamps. Now with her training completed, she returned to ask for help purchasing the shoes she needs for a job and part of the first months fee for child care at the YWCA. The Town Topics Christmas Fund helped her at a time when most of us would have gotten help from our families. Helping Corina now will put her on the track to becoming self-supporting.

These are but two of the countless stories that come back to us each year so that we can remind our Princeton readers of the lives that are touched by a simple act of charity and kindness. Because all administrative costs associated with our Christmas Fund are paid by Town Topics, every dollar we receive goes directly to benefit someone in need. For all the lives that are touched by your contributions to our Christmas Fund we thank you. If you have not yet made a donation this year we ask you to consider making a contribution. Every dollar counts, every dollar matters.

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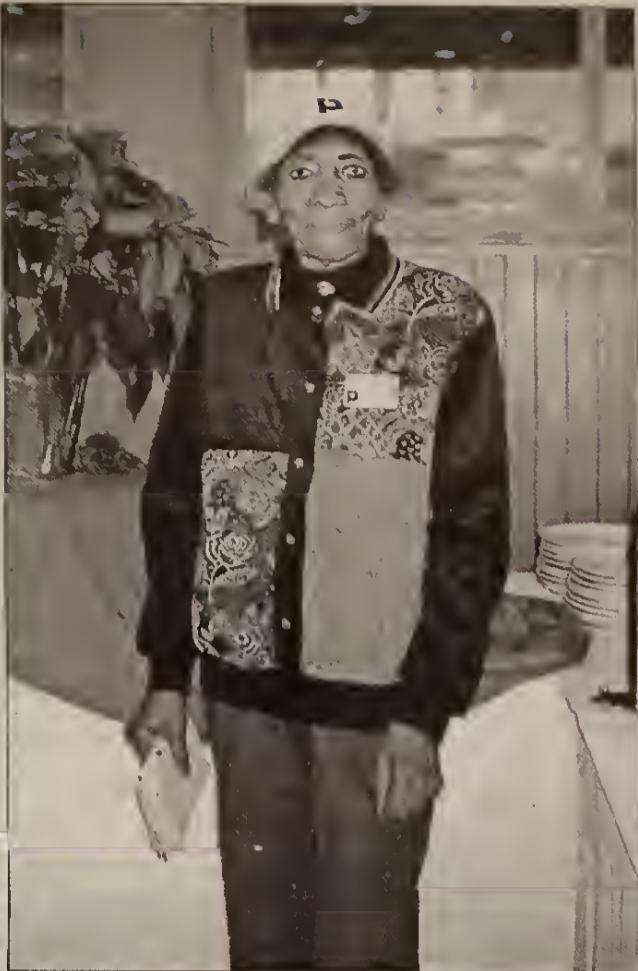
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CASTING VOTES FOR CIVIC DUTY: Laura Wooten, who celebrates her 83rd birthday on Friday, is also being commemorated for more than 60 years working the polls in Borough elections with proclamations from the New Jersey State Senate and Princeton Borough.

(Photo by M.B. Hersh)

Election Worker Honored For 60 Years of Service

Most people interpret the phrase "get out the vote" as a campaign to galvanize participation at the polls. But once Election Day has passed, the motivation to get individuals involved begins to wane — that is, for most people.

Laura Wooten, on the other hand, has been getting the vote out in Princeton for more than 60 years.

Ms. Wooten, who will celebrate her 83rd birthday on Friday, says that while the task of achieving community activism has become more challenging over the years, she is not daunted. "There was a time when everyone used to vote," she said, describing how her mission has changed over the years. "But I enjoy people and like to stay active."

As a member of the Princeton Board of Elections, Ms. Wooten sees the mission of more participatory government as an uphill, but achievable battle. "Young people are hard to reach, and a lot of them think their votes don't count," she said. However, she staunchly maintains that "one vote does count."

Ms. Wooten moved to Princeton from Goldsboro, N.C., in 1924 when she was four years old. At the request of her great uncle, Anderson Mitnaul, she began working at the polls in the early 1940s and has continued to do so ever since.

A member of PHS Class of '39, Ms. Wooten remembers her early days of manning the polls. "Back in those days, [the election center] was where the Arts Council is now," she said. "It was in the 'Black Y.'"

For Ms. Wooten's five children raised under the November tradition, election time was always considered an annual rite. "We grew up knowing that on Election Day, our mother would be gone early in the morning — before we woke up — and not return

until late at night," said daughter Yvonne Wooten Hill.

Ms. Hill added that her mother's concern for family and community comes from her "generosity of spirit, and greatness of heart."

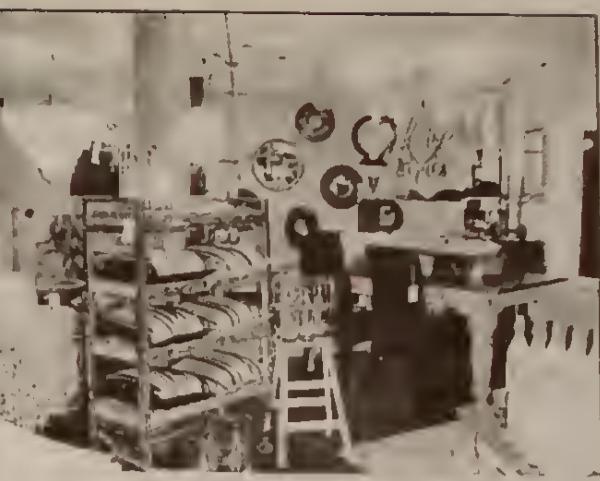
That "generosity" has not diminished over the years as Ms. Wooten looks after her

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78-year-old brother and monitors the health of her 80-year-old sister.

However, despite receiving proclamations from both the

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- Indian Health Fair

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A 1994 Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the College of William and Mary, Ms. Koestner is a trained peer educator and sexual-assault counselor. In 1990, outraged by William and Mary's inadequate response to her date-rape ordeal, she took her case to the media and has appeared on numerous television programs, including the Oprah Winfrey Show, NBC Nightly News, CNBC Talk Live, and Good Morning America. She has given interviews to Time, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Tribune. Her story was also the subject of an HBO Lifestyles Docudrama entitled "No Visible Bruises: the Katie Koestner Story."

TELLING HER STORY: Date-rape survivor Katie Koestner speaking to Upper School students at Stuart about her experience.

Stuart's Upper School students were impressed with Ms. Koestner's willingness to Palmer Square, will be share her story with them. Her focused on seeking withdrawal "honesty and sincerity about of U.S. troops from Iraq. The her experience touched the coalition would like to see the church starting at 4:30 girls' hearts," said Stuart's instead the United Nations Dean of Students Elizabeth Simpson, "and that's often the take responsibility for rebuilding the Middle Eastern coun-

Peace Group To Hold Vigil, Potluck Party

The Coalition for Peace Action will hold its annual candlelight vigil for peace on Thursday, December 18, from the Billboard, Mid-

Atlantic, and Unisong students were impressed with Ms. Koestner's willingness to Palmer Square, will be share her story with them. Her focused on seeking withdrawal "honesty and sincerity about of U.S. troops from Iraq. The her experience touched the coalition would like to see the church starting at 4:30 girls' hearts," said Stuart's instead the United Nations Dean of Students Elizabeth Simpson, "and that's often the take responsibility for rebuilding the Middle Eastern coun-

the important lessons like those learned by Ms. Koestner." Following the vigil will be a potluck meal beginning at 6 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street. Entertainment will be provided by folk singer Arlon Bennett, winner of the 2001 New Jersey Folk Festival.

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University Statistics Show a Change In Student Alcohol Abuse Treatment

Startling statistics concerning drinking among college students can be explained, at least in part, by a newly found depth of understanding by students on the subject, said Dr. Daniel Silverman, director of Princeton University Health Services.

The number of University students receiving medical attention from alcohol abuse has increased by 40 percent over the past year. It appears that the surge is due to a required freshman class that focuses attention on the health-related risks of drinking, Dr. Silverman told Borough Council members at a meeting held on Tuesday, December 9.

The meeting between local police, Council members, high school and university students, parents, and Princeton University officials was a follow-up to a meeting held six months ago regarding an ordinance that would allow police officers to enforce underage drinking laws on private property.

Controversial Ordinance

The ordinance, which has been controversial in the Borough since it was first recommended by the state of New

Jersey three years ago, will not be put to a vote for adoption as long as progress is being made toward fixing the drinking problem in town, said Mayor Marvin Reed.

This year, approximately 90 percent of University freshman enrolled in informative classes on alcohol abuse, compared to 30 percent of students that enrolled in the class last year. This is equivalent to more than 1,000 students, said Dr. Silverman.

In addition, he said he believes students who are coming in for medical treatment have lower blood alcohol levels than those who received treatment before.

Other statistics gathered by Dr. Silverman show that male students that admitted themselves for treatment over the past year generally had a higher blood alcohol level than females. Binge drinking was also found to be 50 percent more common in male students.

In addition, last year more freshman and sophomores sought treatment than juniors and seniors, he said.

At last week's Council meeting, Dr. Silverman said he was

Later he also cited the AlcoholEDU course, outreach events to students and residence advisors, and campaigns to raise the consciousness of the student body about medical dangers of binge drinking. "They are responding by seeking help earlier and more often," said Dr. Silverman.

Janet Smith Dickerson, vice president of student life at the University, said the school has also set aside additional substance-free housing for students this year than in years past, and received more applications from interested students than they had rooms to provide.

"We have worked very hard with clarity and conviction to change some of the systems at the University," Ms. Dickerson said.

Substance-free housing has been available in upper-class dorms since a pilot program began in 1999, said Lisa de Paul of the University's housing department. The program started with 29 smoke-free beds and 10 substance-free beds. Undergraduate Student Government showed interest in expanding the program, and today the University has 64 smoke-free beds and 10 substance-free beds.

A pilot program in Rockefeller College this year allocated 68 beds in Buyers Hall that were both substance- and smoke-free.

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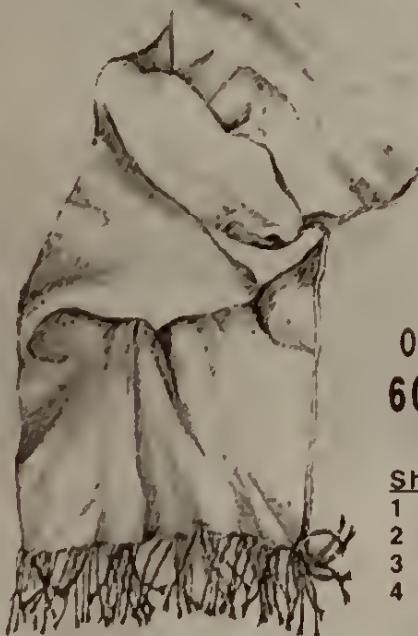
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This will increase in years to come, said Ms. de Paul.

Drinking in Eating Clubs

University eating clubs also appear to be making changes to combat drinking problems. Student Corey Sanders, the University's Inter-Club Council president for the Prospect Avenue eating clubs, said he has encouraged the clubs to make changes regarding parties held in the houses, including having non-student security for parties, identifying those who are of legal drinking age with wristbands, and checking all students for University student IDs before allowing them to enter.

Serving an alternative beverage has also been researched, Mr. Sanders said. The University senior said he found that when an alternative beverage was offered at parties, many students opted to drink it. He reported that two eating clubs will soon install soda machines, and he hopes other clubs will follow suit.

Councilman David Goldfarb was skeptical about the changes, however. He said that police and University officials still report just as many alcohol-related incidents as they have in the past.

"Something has broken down somewhere in the process," said Mr. Goldfarb.

Mayor Reed added that reports of noise violations submitted by University faculty are still at a high rate.

Mr. Sanders, who will be graduating at the end of the year, urged the Council to be patient, suggesting that change is generally gradual, not instant.

"It's such a social shift," said Mr. Sanders. "I think it's a lot to see a dramatic change in one semester ... the student body has a four-year memory."

Ten high school students from the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) at Corner House also attended the meeting. The students said they try to be role models for their peers, offering advice and help to students who binge drink at parties.

Several commented that they have friends who drink at parties, as well as friends who drive home afterwards under the influence.

"Drug and alcohol abuse is visible and present in the high schools in Princeton," said Suzanne Boyer, a member of Corner House.

Along with the student government president for the University, TAG is working to provide substance-free events for students to attend, such as

coffeehouse gatherings, a cappella night, and a skating night.

The students, from both public and private schools, are the first to be part of the new student board at Corner House, which is a joint municipal non-profit agency that provides substance-abuse counseling for young adults.

Overall, Mayor Reed said he felt there has been a general shift of alcohol awareness and compliance since the Council first met to debate the issue three years ago.

"I think each group is making good progress. Everyone seems to be much more com-

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At Princeton Junior School, children — like plants — lean toward the light. Natural light flows through the windows into the central Commons and the classrooms. A fire glows in the fireplace and children are bathed in its warmth. We work hard every day. We also make time for nature walks, identifying tracks and feeding wild birds. These things are important to children.

Making time for important things leads to enlightenment. In our 'busyness,' do we discern what is truly important? Think. Is it a sink cleared of dishes or a child on your lap listening to a story? The third trip to the mall or an afternoon on a hill sledding with a child? Watching your favorite show on T.V. or helping your child prepare for a test?

As we enter the holidays, let us attend to what is truly important, 'see the light,' and allow unimportant things to slide into darkness. Only by making time for important things will our days become both lighter and longer ... a perfect gift for a child.

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Nancy Light

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Subject/Grade Taught: British Literature, Advanced Placement English Literature at the Upper School
Education: B.A. in English from Stanford University, M.A.T. in English from Harvard University, St. Paul's School for Girls in Walla Walla, Wash.
Most Memorable Book: "Always the one I'm currently reading. Right now, that's *The Boat of Dreams*, by local author Richard Preston."
Person You Admire: Sister Frances de la Chappelle, headmistress at Stuart, who is an inspiring leader and spiritual mentor.

Growing up among the wheat fields of eastern Washington in a small town of 300 farmers, Nancy Light discovered her passion for learning and reading at a very early age. From reading cereal boxes, to Bible stories, to billboard signs along the highway during long family car trips, Mrs. Light couldn't get enough.

"Long before school, I seemed to be hard-wired to read everything," she said. "Books were my friends, and reading an avenue to a larger world."

Mrs. Light soon discovered a larger world not only through reading, but through a broader education. After attending a small country school in Endicott, Wash. and an Episcopal girls' boarding school in Walla Walla, Wash., Mrs. Light went on to study English at Ivy League schools on both the West and East Coasts. The universities were a big jump from Mrs. Light's graduating high school class of 17 girls, she said.

After earning a master's degree in English, Mrs. Light turned her focus of learning to educating, and was soon employed as an Upper School teacher at Stuart Country Day School.

"I know the importance of a good education, which is why I've been so loyal to the education of young women at Stuart for 33 years," said Mrs. Light. "Sacred Heart goals and criteria emphasize the importance of a deep respect for intellectual values, along with a concern for social justice and building community, all within the context of a Christian faith."

The private school teacher says she continues to learn while teaching, because "teaching and learning are synonymous." She said her goal as a Stuart English teacher is to inspire her students to have a thirst for knowledge like she did at their age, and which she continues to have today.

"I would like to help students become life long readers and learners through my own enthusiasm for the subject," she said.

To Pass the Time

Mrs. Light resides in Princeton Township with her husband, a professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Her son, a Princeton High School graduate, and her daughter, a Stuart graduate, are both grown now, with Peter working as a musician in New York City, and Holly at a software company in the Silicon Valley.

With an empty nest at home, Mrs. Light finds many ways to occupy her time, reading being her favorite hobby. She also enjoys attending theater and the opera, as well as book clubs with friends and colleagues.

Ballroom dancing is also a passion she shares with her husband.

"We're old enough to have grown up when dancing was part of courtship," said Mrs. Light. "My husband is a very good dancer."

She said it is difficult for the two of them to find places to enjoy dancing together, however they often attend the monthly dance sessions hosted by the Princeton High School Jazz Band.

She also said her love of cooking often leads her to make numerous new dishes on a regular basis.

"I'm so adventurous and experimental," she said. "I often don't make the same thing twice."

Mrs. Light said that she and her husband are also "inveterate travellers." She said their adventures together began in 1990 when they both took sabbaticals and journeyed to Oxford University in England. She said they have had strong ties to the country ever since.

The Stuart teacher said that her husband's work often takes him back to Europe during the summer, where she follows and explores sites of literary interest, such as the Yorkshire moors described by the Bronte sisters in their books. The couple has explored numerous locations in England, Scotland, and Ireland, even running into former students on their adventures.

"It's uncanny," she said. "Sometimes I meet [students] by chance, in unexpected places such as a Yeats' conference in New York City, on the steps of London's National Gallery, in the town square of a Mexican village, or at a tea room in Yorkshire... There's this inspired sense of joy, reunion, and surprise."

School Activities

Mrs. Light is also very involved in activities at Stuart. She is the advisor for the school's literary magazine, *The Thistle*, and the founder of a series of interdisciplinary seminars for Stuart teachers, funded by the Klingenstein Foundation.

As part of the National Endowment for the Humanities, she has also had the opportunity to study with distinguished professors at major universities over the years. She has attended seminars on *Hamlet* and *Beckett*, as well as studied lyrical poetry at Harvard, Princeton University, and the National Institute for the Humanities at Chapel Hill.

She also received a grant to study novels by George Eliot and Henry James at Oxford University.

When it comes to students today, Mrs. Light said that while things change, they still remain the same.

"Fashions in clothes and music change, but students still have an unquenchable thirst for learning and a desire to grow and expand," she said.

Mrs. Light said that students still seek role models and guidance from the adults in their life, while having a desire to keep a sense of self.

"Students need to feel free to speak out in class discussion and to discover their own voices in writing," said Mrs. Light.

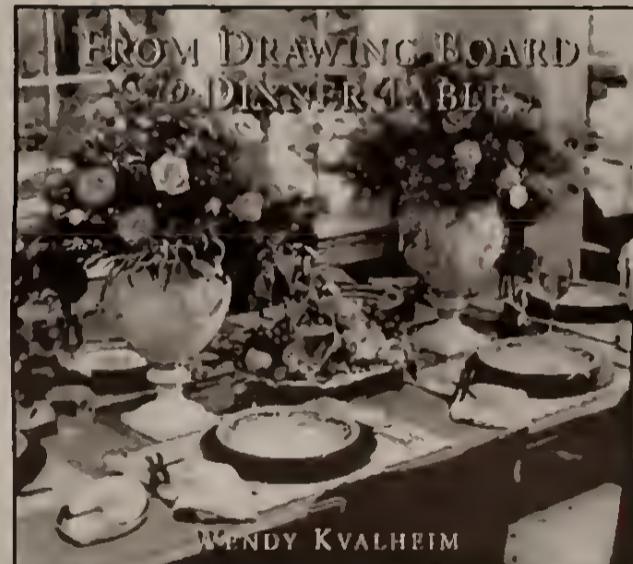
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(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

State Museum Sets Super Science Weekend

The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton will hold its annual Super Science Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11.

The science education program will feature hands-on workshops, theater presentations, lectures, mini-exhibits, do-it-yourself experiments, laser-light shows, and live animal displays.

Admission is free, but some presentations require tickets for a small fee.

On Saturday, when the museum is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., auditorium presentations will include Lisa B. Lewis's "Anti-Gravity Show," in which the concepts of centrifugal and centripetal force, sound waves, and gravity will be explored; and Mr. Fish's "Phenomenal Physics" program, which features tricks that demonstrate the principles of friction, inertia, velocity, and aerodynamics.

On Sunday, when the museum is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the auditorium offering will be photographer and naturalist Rusty Johnson, who will introduce live animals, including a Burmese python, peregrine falcon, and an American alligator.

The planetarium presentations will include "Larry the Cat in Space," a family-oriented program to learn about the moon and space travel. Tickets for the planetarium show are \$2 a person, and this program is best suited for children over 4 years of age.

The planetarium will also present a high-tech Laser 3D Spectacular, for which tickets are \$3 a person and include a pair of 3D glasses.

Lectures, presented by State Museum staff and others, will explore the subjects of paleontology, plasma physics, herpetology, marine science, and space exploration. The lectures are free, but space is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

Exhibitors will include the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, the American Chemical Society-Trenton Section, Astro-Cruisers Astronomy Club, the American Entomological Society, Burlington County Natural Science Club, Delaware Valley Paleontological Society, Delaware Valley Radio Association, and the Fairview Lake Environmental Education Center.

Other exhibitors will be Monmouth Amateur Paleontology, Mr. Van the Science Man, and NJSM Kaleidoscope Kids. Forestry and Geology will also be exhibition topics.

Super Science Weekend, a 24-year tradition, began in 1981 as a way of marking the opening of the museum's natural history hall. The annual program is sponsored by the Friends of the New Jersey State Museum.

The museum is located at 205 West State Street, Trenton. Parking is available in the Capitol Complex Parking facility.

For more information, or for directions, call (609) 292-6464.



LEWIS LIGHTS: Children stand in awe of the Lewis School Christmas tree, which sparkles like a celestial star after the lights are turned on.

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Hopes for a postal unit at the Princeton Shopping Center in time for the holiday season have been squelched, as the former postal unit, which was housed in the Skaters Alliance, a skating gear and apparel store, closed when the skate shop lost its lease in August. The "unit" was essentially an alternative drop-off point for mail and packages, providing a more convenient location for residents who chose the shopping center's accessibility over contract postal units that going downtown to the Palmer Square post office.

But, a new postal unit, if it were to open, would be subjected to refined requirements, making it easily identified and having the look of a post office, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

The postal unit is to be privately contracted with an individual store and a potential General Manager Chris Hanning for the unit is Glenmarle Woolworks; but proprietor process has bogged down the Lee Herford said the U.S. project.

Postal Service, which had initially claimed responsibility for wants to put its new prototype construction costs, now says in there to make it look more Woolworks will have to incur like a post office, and it the \$10,000 price tag to requires work with fixtures install the unit.

"[The postal service] told us er, she said the delays have from the outset that [construction] would be at their "We're not getting straight expense," she said. "Now they answers," she added. say they will not pay for [that]. Though the shopping center and this is not what we had hoped for."

any postal unit, Ms. Hanning-

said the service works in the best interest of area residents.

"We've been working on detail and we are trying to move the process along," she said.

Dana Comfort, of George Comfort & Sons, Inc., the Manhattan-based real estate firm that manages Princeton Shopping Center's property, said the postal service has made matters difficult for Woolworks in light of the additional costs imposed on the enterprise.

Ms. Herford put in a great effort to try to get this unit in," he said.

Ms. Herford, has said that if a postal unit were to open in her business, she would try to keep hours extended from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to possibly 7 p.m. on weekdays.

—Matthew Hersh

Auction Raises Funds For YMCA Playground

Richard Smith, CEO of the Princeton Family YMCA, has announced that the YMCA playground will have new equipment, thanks to the funds raised at a recent auction of fine art sponsored by Weidel Realtors in Princeton. The event was held at the Wilmerding Estate on Rosedale Road.

"We were truly pleased to sponsor the Auction for the playground renovation," said Judy Moriarty, managing broker of Weidel at the Court-yard. "The Y is one of the key

institutions in the Princeton community, and we're proud to have had the opportunity to help make these improvements possible."

Ms. Moriarty added that the fund-raising event would be repeated annually, dedicated each year to a specific area at the YMCA in need of funds. "We're planning to hold it in September next year," she explained, "and we will again invite Ross Galleries. Their selections of original oils, lithographs, sculptures and other fine graphics and sports memorabilia were accessible for any budget."



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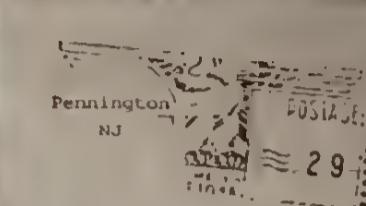
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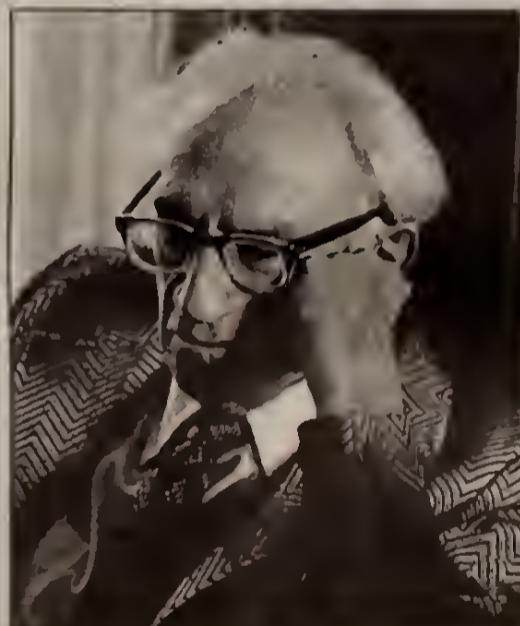
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TOPS OFF FOR THE PAGODA: The top, left, has been popped off the structure that once served as the centerpiece of the aptly-dubbed "Pagoda" tennis courts at Princeton University. The structure, however, will be reassembled and relocated near the Lens courts. The Pagoda courts are being cleared for the building of Whitman College, the University's 6th residential college.

(Photo by M.B. Hersh)



Peter Goldreich
Institute Names Goldreich
To Natural Sciences School

Photo by M.B. Hersh

The Institute for Advanced Study has appointed astrophysicist Peter Goldreich as professor in its School of Natural Sciences, effective January 1. The appointment is for five years.

Prof. Goldreich is currently visiting professor in the school as well as DuBridge Professor of Astrophysics and Planetary Physics, Emeritus.

Institute Director Phillip Griffiths noted that Prof. Goldreich is known not only for his scientific achievements, but also for his interest in encouraging younger researchers.

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—David Waltz, Heather Lane



"I think that it is very polarizing for the Democratic party, because I think that it was a chance to get away from the Clintons, from the shadows, and he was the first major politician to endorse a candidate. So it certainly threw a wrench into the primaries."

—Doris Shea, Mercer Street (with Emily)

John Witherspoon Receives Award for High Test Scores

Princeton Regional Schools' John Witherspoon Middle School was recently named a 2003 Just for the Kids - New Jersey Benchmark School by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE), at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. John Witherspoon received this honor because a significant number of students received high scores on the state's assessment tests this year.

The middle school received the honor at a recognition luncheon after a press event with New Jersey Department of Education Commissioner William Librera, New Jersey business leaders, and representatives from the education community announcing the launch of the program's new website, www.just4klds.org.

The website provides schools, teachers, parents, and the public with a clear comparison of school performance among New Jersey schools. The information is intended to aid schools in decision-making and the sharing of what works in other schools with similar student bodies.

The Just for the Kids - New Jersey website allows visitors to view New Jersey school testing results by individual school, rather than by whole districts, as has typically been done in the past. The site's data is compiled through assessment scores provided by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Currently, the website contains full statewide data on the spring Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) results for Kids reports have been used the years 1999 through 2003, since 1998, schools that use Test results for grades four the data to sets goals, investigate best practices, and implement change improved between three and eight percentage points more on state assessment proficiency levels between 1999 and 2001, as compared to other schools.

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New Grants to Fund Area Health Programs

Princeton HealthCare System Foundation has awarded another \$350,000 to fund community projects aimed at enhancing public understanding of health-related topics and encouraging use of Princeton HealthCare System.

The recent award brings funding for these programs up to \$1 million since the Foundation grants program was launched last year.

As part of the grantmaking process, the Foundation announced 13 grants for new, existing, and expanded community health initiatives being spearheaded by physicians and health professionals on staff at Princeton HealthCare System.

Among the initiatives are Healthy Heart 2004, an ongoing series of events and screenings held in conjunction with statewide, regional, and national heart events, and a new School-based Educational Healthcare Program, which will help Princeton HealthCare System build partnerships with local school districts and bring educational healthcare programs to students, parents and educators.

Also among the programs are Targeted Minority Outreach, which raises awareness of specific healthcare needs of the African-American, Indian American and Latino American communities. Activities will include outreach, health screening and education events.

Risk prevention measures and healthy living practices will be promoted among individuals with diabetes, including new efforts to support mental health, exercise, and including expanded outreach to school nurses, churches and local businesses.

Helping students with eating disorders, music therapy at Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care, hospice services funding for the needy, prescription co-pay cost relief, and a support group for children with physical disabilities and their families are other programs that will be funded by the foundation grants.

For more information about the Princeton HealthCare System Foundation, call (609) 497-4190.

High School Concert Set For Dec. 18

Princeton High School will present its 58th annual winter concert on Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The free concert will include performances by the school's two orchestras and three choirs, and it will take place in Princeton University Chapel.

Program works will include those of Purcell, Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Bruckner, and Britten. A highlight of the evening will be Henri Vieuxtemps' Violin Concerto No. 5, with student soloist Marie-Elise McNeeley. The women's choir will also perform selections from Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, accompanied by the harp.

The concert will conclude with the singing of traditional holiday selections by the combined choirs and alumni.

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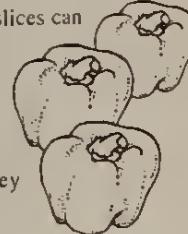
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To prepare the Quinoa filling:

Cook quinoa—using water or vegetable stock—according to the instructions on the package. Set aside.

In a heavy-bottomed skillet, warm the olive oil. Add shallots or onions and cook until translucent and just beginning to brown. Add mushrooms, dried basil, and fennel seeds, and cook until brown. If the mixture begins to stick, add a bit of water or stock to the pan.

Add cooked quinoa and mix well. Add in stock or Marsala wine and tamari. Cover and let sit for a few minutes. Toss fresh herbs over the filling and adjust seasoning to taste.

To prepare peppers:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Slice the top of each pepper and remove the seeds and membranes. Depending on the shape of the pepper, cut in half either horizontally or vertically. Place the empty pepper shells on a baking pan. Add 1/4 inch of water to the pan. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes until slightly tender or cooked to your liking. Stuff each pepper with the Quinoa Filling and serve.

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Historical Society Sets Museum Trip

The Historical Society of Princeton is planning a day trip to New York's American Museum of Natural History on Thursday, January 8.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Princeton University Parking Lot 21, with return scheduled for 5 p.m.

At the museum, regular exhibition halls, including the Hall of Ocean Life, with its impressive blue whale, can be seen along with two special exhibits that will be on view at the time. They are "Petra: Lost City of Stone" and "The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter."

The Petra exhibit tells the story of the ancient metropolis at the crossroads of world trade and the technological feats that the Nabataeans employed to build and maintain the city in the harsh desert environment. The society's trip will include a guided tour through the exhibit.

PHS Class of 1974 Plans 30th Reunion

The Princeton High School Class of 1974 has announced that it will hold its 30th class reunion on July 31, 2004. The location has not yet been

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The butterfly exhibit will feature more than 500 live, free-flying tropical butterflies; and the society has timed tickets to visit the conservatory.

The day will include a catered, three-course lunch served in the Islamic Court within the museum.

The tour is limited to 49 people. Non-members may participate if places are available after the cancellation deadline, December 20.

The cost of the trip is \$80 for members, including transportation, museum admission, lunch and a \$10 contribution to the society. The cost of the trip for non-members is \$90.

To register or for more information, call (609) 924-8375.

Graduates are asked to contact the People Locator Coordinator, Martha Dorgan, at (225) 567-6263, or via e-mail at PrincetonHigh74@aol.com. PHS faculty are asked to contact John Figueira at

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Reunion organizers are seeking to update the class directory and determine interest in attending the reunion.

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Four Candidates

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"Our debt is one of our biggest increases in taxes in town," said Mr. Freda.

Ms. Neumann disagreed, saying that that was a demeaning approach, and thought that the best way to get the University to contribute more would be to take a list of facts and figures from Borough Police to the University, and show them how often they use police services.

But Mr. Koontz said that the Borough should take advantage of the hold Democrats will soon have on the state legislature to force the University to pay school costs for faculty members' children.

Ms. Crumiller said she would need to research the problem more before giving an informed solution to the problem.

One resident asked candidates what their future vision of Princeton would be, and if they hope to find the town becoming bigger and more city-like, or taking on a low profile.

Mr. Freda said he was decidedly against the downtown redevelopment project and spoke against it at Council meetings when plans were being made. He said he wants to do whatever possible to keep Princeton from becoming a city.

He said if another issue were to come up that could possibly affect the Borough negatively 10 years down the road, he would vote against it.

"I like the fact that Princeton is a small town," he said.

Ms. Crumiller said she doesn't think the Borough has the potential of becoming a city because it is mostly built out at the moment. She said the only way it would affect the Borough at this point would be if it consolidated with the Township.

Mr. Koontz, who was in favor of redevelopment, said he likes the small-town feel, but also enjoys the many merchants and forms of entertainment that are offered by the different facets of Princeton. He said that traffic is just something with which residents need to come to grips.

"It's the price we pay for being a destination," he said.

Ms. Neumann took the opposing standpoint, saying that Princeton shouldn't have to be a destination, and the Borough should work towards moving away from that title.

"I think a lot of Princetonians wish we were less of a destination," she said.

On another issue, all five candidates agreed that the Borough needs to get into a discussion with the Arts Council before any plans move forward with the renovations of their building.

Meet the Candidates

Mr. Koontz has been a resident of the Borough since 1992, and has been active over the years in various Democratic campaigns. He currently serves as chairman of the Princeton Democratic Committee.

Mr. Koontz works for CBS Television in New York City, and said he could offer the position of a 30-something Borough commuter on Council. He stands out from the other candidates because he was in favor of the downtown redevelopment project.

"I would like to continue working with the community to make this town vibrant," he said.

Ms. Crumiller is a two-year Borough resident and was a resident of the Township for the preceding 10 years. She has worked on various political campaigns at the local and national level, as well as a neighborhood committee that helped stop Princeton Medical Center from expanding their parking garage into the residences.

In addition, she worked to pass the resolution in the Borough against the Patriot Act.

Ms. Crumiller said she would offer a lengthy background in teamwork if she is chosen for Council.

"Working with a group of people toward a common goal is what I do best," she said. "I'm a team player."

Mr. Freda is a life-long member of the community, and served as a member of Borough Council from 1986 to 1999. Currently the vice president of Goldman Sachs and Co., Mr. Freda has been a member of the Princeton Fire Company and the First Aid and Rescue Squad since the 70s.

Mr. Freda has two children in the Princeton Regional School District, and is often active at School Board

meetings.

He said his past experience on Borough Council gives him the knowledge to serve again.

"I am someone who works hard to find the solution to a problem," he said.

Ms. Neumann moved to the Borough from Australia four years ago, and has lived in several different countries over the years. She is originally from the Borough, where her father served as municipal treasurer.

Ms. Neumann has a doctorate in English literature, and teaches writing at the Princeton Arts Council. She has also worked with Princeton Future, the non-profit citizens' group seeking holistic development in Princeton.

One area in which Ms. Neumann expressed an interest was in cutting down improvements on the Arts Council building.

"I feel that at least half of their development plan is for show," she said.

The Borough Council will vote on Mr. O'Neill's replacement sometime in January.

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(Photo by M.B. Hersh)

Heavy Rains

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and Shady Brook Lane. Flood waters in that location rose quickly creating a marsh in the backyards of residents around Tyson Lane and Littlebrook and Random Roads.

Mr. Kiser said the flood conditions over Harry's Brook Bridge was not necessarily related to New Jersey Department of Transportation construction currently underway.

Captain Peter Savalli of the Princeton Township Police Department said Harry's Brook Bridge was closed for three hours at the height of the floods. One car stalled in the three-foot floodwaters before the road was closed to all traffic. The driver of the car was removed without injury.

The number of road closings related to flooding created difficult driving situations throughout Princeton, Captain Savalli said. "Every place you looked, there was a flooded road."

But the waters receded almost as quickly as they rose, he added. Flood warnings were instated at 6 a.m. Thursday morning. By 8 a.m., rain fell heavily across the region overwhelming the capacity of storm drains to function. However, by the early afternoon, many throughways were re-opened.

"Part of the problem, in addition to the heavy rains, were the clogged storm drains," he said, citing leaves and other debris that can clog storm drains.

Captain Savalli said the department set up detours as they waited for waters to recede. There were also patrol cars stationed at the closings deterring motorists from driving on otherwise impassable roads, he said.

"You're going to be concerned about cars going around the barricades and getting stranded," he said. "We had flooding in areas where water goes over pretty easily, but some of the other roads that closed almost never flood."

—Matthew Hersh

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Group Seeks Ruling On Area Deer Culling

A local organization is seeking a ruling from the State Superior Court in Trenton that strikes a portion of Princeton's deer management program because it is inconsistent with New Jersey real estate laws.

Mercer County Deer Alliance asserts that language found in two deeds which comprise the Woodfield Reservation, and Stony Brook/Puritan Court set the foundation for the suit. The Alliance contends that the parks, described as "passive" and "public" recreation, should not be used for deer hunting because "deer hunting does not qualify as 'passive' or 'public'."

The group also argues that because the parks were created on land donated to Princeton Township, restrictive covenants for the lands should apply.

The Township municipal ordinance that applies to deer management covers four tracts of public lands. Those areas are the Woodfield Reservation; Autumn Hill Reservation; Fieldwood; and Stony Brook at Puritan Court. Bow hunters are only allowed to

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District Officials Cooperated During Construction at Johnson Park School

To the Editor:

Given recent articles and letters about how construction is proceeding in our district's schools, we felt it important to offer Princeton residents and your readers an alternative perspective based on our experiences at Johnson Park School. Our experiences have been ones that have presented challenges, but we've been pleased with district officials' responses to our concerns.

For example, near the start of the school year, when, as a result of our roofing project, classroom teachers reported noxious fumes, our principal at once telephoned our superintendent of schools, and her immediate response was, "Close the project down."

Following that, our district's facilities director worked with our principal, representatives of our instructional staff, and an officer of the township health department to ensure that we addressed that and other issues related to our roof. The outcome was that, as some additional roofing difficulties arose, our district's project manager, our principal, and our staff members were able to resolve the problems quickly.

With goodwill and forthright concern on all sides, we found from this experience that we could address environmental matters effectively. This became necessary when we discovered mold in our music classroom (a situation that was unrelated to construction).

Again, district officials were prompt and clear in their actions. Our pupils' and our music teacher's health came first, so our music room was closed down and sealed off, and our district brought in a reputable firm to analyze the situation and remediate the problem.

Did each of these matters cause us concern? Of course. Were district officials as concerned as we were? Yes, they were. With a common outlook — Let's get the problem solved — we were able to attend to the difficulties with reasonable alacrity and move on.

Do we still have problems? Yes, we do, but most of them relate to design matters.

In general, we're disappointed with our district's architectural firm, with whose representatives we shared concerns

and from whom we received assurances about ameliorating those matters over two years ago. Nevertheless, those in charge of the plans ignored some of our issues.

Recently, district officials convened a forum at our school to allow us to express our ongoing concerns. Although we face constraints in resolving the matters that still dismay us, because of the progress of construction, we were, within those limitations, able to achieve some relief.

Are we disappointed that we won't have and can't get all the changes we sought? Yes.

But, we're satisfied that our district's administration is committed to helping us end up with the best facility possible, given cost, environmental, and engineering limitations. Why wouldn't that be their goal?

As anyone who has built or renovated a home knows, there are inevitable problems along the way. Certainly this has been true with our school's renovations and expansion, but we've been pleased that our district has been responsive to our concerns.

We express our thanks to our district's superintendent of schools, Claire Kohn; our facilities director, Gary Weisman, and his assistant, Thomas Goodwin; to Epic's current project manager for our school, Wade Roberson; and to school board members Charlotte Bialek, Anne Burns, and Walter Bliss (the latter our board's liaison to Johnson Park School), for attending various meetings at our school and for supporting those of our requests they thought reasonable. From here on out, we hope our friends and colleagues throughout Princeton have the same experiences we've had.

For the Johnson Park School PTO Executive Board:

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Latin American Task Force Grateful For Supporters of Feria de la Salud

To the Editor:

Eight years ago 40 people attended the first bilingual Health Fair in Princeton. This year, 642 people came to John Witherspoon School, for the eighth Health Fair/Feria de la Salud, sponsored by the University Medical Center at Princeton, Hispanic American Medical Association (HAMA).

and the Latin American Task Force. Patients watched Mexican folk dancing while they had flu shots, health screenings, and discussions with doctors, dentists, lawyers, and representatives of community agencies. It was a festive atmosphere, with more than seventy English/Spanish bilingual volunteers helping, delicious refreshments, and a wonderful array of prizes, but it was also vital for several patients who found out they had serious conditions needing urgent attention.

The services were provided and funded thanks to the generosity of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Dr. Claire Kohn, HAMA, Princeton Health Care Systems, Princeton Health Department, Henry J. Austin Health Center, Community Action Service Center, and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind. Refreshments and prizes were donated by Avon Cosmetics, Halo Farm, Holsome, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Johnson and Johnson Corporation, La Mexicana, McCaffrey's, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pelusa Travel, Princeton Arts Council, Princeton Department of Human Services, Princeton Public Library, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Taste of Mexico, Thomas Sweet, Tortugas Mexican Restaurant, Wegmans and many of the participating health-care providers.

I would like to offer special thanks to the Medical Center clinic staff, for their remarkable skill, efficiency and warm enthusiasm in all the shots, tests and screenings they provided at the Health Fair, to the doctors and support staff of HAMA for their dedication in coming each year to give tests and private consultations in Spanish, and, finally, to the very hard-working LATF committee which organizes this event. Thank you, everyone; muchas gracias a todos.

HANA MUZIKA KAHN
Chair, Latin American Task Force
Westcott Road

Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad Needs and Deserves Our Donations

To the Editor:

Today we received the letter we get every year from the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad thanking us for our annual donation. One line set off an alarm: "Our current year's fund drive is the lowest that we have seen these past four years."

We've always thought of hospitals and rescue squads as one of those things you just give to like the Red Cross and the United Way. The day the Borough Police rang our doorbell to let us know our daughter was on her way to the Helene Fuld Trauma Unit, that investment paid off many times over. We hadn't given that much — but the Rescue Squad gave us our daughter's life. Had they been less well equipped or less well trained, she might well not have made it.

You don't need a rescue squad very often, but when you need one, you really need it. Unfortunately, our daughter won't be the last person whose life depends on the quality of our town's emergency response team. They were first-rate for us — but they can't remain at that level unless we support them.

You may never need the EMTs — but some of your neighbors certainly will. Please, take out your checkbook now and send a generous donation to the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, 237 North Harrison Street, P.O. Box S29, Princeton 08540.

THE REV. FRANK STRASBURGER
CARRIE STRASBURGER
Lafayette Road

PHS Student Asks for Space To Ride His Skateboard Legally

To the Editor:

My name is Carlo Vega, and I am a freshman at Princeton High School. I enjoy skateboarding, except skateboarders in town have one current problem: we don't have a skate park!

I have had many run-ins with the law and have been threatened by my vice principal to have charges pressed against me, all for skateboarding. Some people have brought up the skate park idea at Borough Council meetings, with no success. Most people just think of skateboarders stereotypically, the Bart Simpson-style, drug addict types, and thus pass on the idea of opening a park.

We are just looking to express ourselves in a physical way that represents us as individuals. With Skaters Alliance closed, skateboarders no longer have a regular hangout anymore. The next closest skate shop is 45 minutes away. I have asked police officers and principals if there is anything we can do to improve this process, but all they usually suggest is getting people to sign a petition for it, which has been done numerous times in the past.

Skateboarders and rollerbladers in Princeton regularly deal with this problem in town. I hope this letter will bring us closer towards ending this constant feud.

CARLO VEGA
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Community Will Continue to Benefit From Arts Council's Present Location

To the Editor:

I write this in support of the arts in general and the Arts Council in particular. This is not a good time in our country's history for the arts. Witness the fact that at our national level, we see a country engaged in war and nation building with an addiction to tax cutting and fiscal "accountability." On the State level we see budgets that are blind to the arts. Locally, the public school boards, forced into cost-cutting modes, slice away all but the three "Rs." The arts are assigned the lowest priority since artistic creativity is the hardest subject for teachers to score and the hardest for college admissions officers to evaluate.

The Princeton Arts Council has positioned itself to address this serious cultural imbalance, both in its location and its curriculum. Students are given the opportunity to explore many creative outlets. They can sample the array of options or concentrate on a single interest. No public school system, even in the best of times, can offer such choices and such flexibility.

So far, in past planning board presentations, local resistance has been led by a few powerful leaders who have stifled any potential voices of support. Superficial issues like traffic, zoning, or planning have been cited. Behind it all, however, is the scar tissue formed by a history of ill-conceived incursions into a neighborhood that once housed a very cohesive and monolithic society. Palmer Square in the thirties, and Mayor Ray Male's "urban renewal" in the sixties, all demonstrated to the Witherspoon community that the boundaries of their congenial neighborhood were being rolled back without their consent. Now if you believed that these moves were done with sinister intent by the "white community" then it is fairly easy to conclude that the Arts Council is just another step in an effort to roll back the entire community. This is sheer nonsense.

Today, the corner of Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place is an ideal location for the Arts Council. You might even say that it is, and can be, a very effective bridge between communities. It is central to the greatest number of the population who would use it and it is one of the key cultural activities that will contribute to the greatness of this town.

I feel passionate about this because of my own personal childhood experience and development. I had the good fortune to go to a fine private school where I had an inspiring teacher who nurtured my creative skills. In the process, he led me to conclude that I should consider a career in architecture. I sometimes wonder what I might have done with my life without his inspiring guidance. I'm sure that I wouldn't have had as much satisfaction with my life as a banker, lawyer, accountant, or even a zoning official.

It frightens me to think that youngsters in Princeton might grow up without seeing that there are wonderful opportunities out there for people with creative talent. Put yourself in the mind of a 12-year-old, who wants to create something and is fearful that what he or she has in mind may not be appreciated by a world where video games, football, boy-girl issues, and parental pressures for job skills are front and center. This little acorn of creativity in a youngster needs to be encouraged and nurtured. The Princeton Arts Council is one such place where a youngster will be encouraged. The plans that the Arts Council proposes will be of enormous benefit to the people of Princeton well into the future and the time will come when all will wonder what all the fuss was about.

JEREMIAH FORD III
Pretty Brook Road

Chamber of Commerce Thanks Sponsors Of Annual Business Leadership Awards

To the Editor:

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce board of directors would like to thank the participants and sponsors of our First Annual Business Leadership Awards Gala for their support of this memorable event, held last week at the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana.

The Chamber is pleased to have had the opportunity to recognize a distinguished group of business and community leaders including David Holmes of the Eden Institute, Shirley Tilghman of Princeton University, and Peter Dawson of Leigh Photo and Imaging. It is their community and business involvement, along with the participation of countless others who are involved in the Chamber, that helps to make the Princeton region one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

We would like to publicly thank the independent judges who selected Peter Dawson as the recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Professor Ron Cook, director of the Small Business Institute at Rider University, and Paul Belliveau of Belliveau Associates were diligent in their review of the credentials of the nominees, who were evaluated based upon standards set forth by the United States Small Business Administration. We would also like to thank the members of the Gala planning committee, who represented the Chamber membership and recommended David Holmes as Leader of the Year, and Shirley Tilghman as Innovator of the Year. All three are well-deserving of the awards that they received.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to Fleet Bank, Merrill Lynch, Princeton Communications Group, Bohren's-United Van Lines, and NAI Fennelly for their support in underwriting the awards. Their generosity helped to ensure that the proceeds from this event can be fully used to support the Chamber's expanding portfolio of programs and

member services.

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting economic growth and enhancing the quality of life in the Princeton region. We are pleased to do this throughout the year by supporting our members with business networking and professional development opportunities, by advocating for the business community, by promoting the unique attributes of the region, and by encouraging economic development efforts that serve to strengthen the Princeton area's reputation.

We encourage residents to support business owners and employees in the Princeton region as they plan their holiday shopping. Remember to "Buy Local."

MICHAEL J. HIERL

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Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce

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With Open Space Goals Met, New Sites Are Now Needed for Affordable Housing

To the Editor:

I voted with my fellow Regional Planning Board members recently to approve the Open Space and Recreation Element as an amendment to the Princeton Community Master Plan. While this is important and widely supported by the Princeton community, I am concerned about the need for affordable senior housing, not to mention affordable housing for the many people who work in Princeton. As sites have been acquired for open space, there are very few remaining tracts available for affordable housing.

The community's goal of preserving 25 percent of Princeton land as open space has been met. Yes, additional expenditures should be made to acquire linkages between parks, improve existing parks for recreational use, and maintain our current open space areas. But we should not continue to acquire parcels of land for more open space that could accommodate multi-unit affordable housing.

The Planning Board created three overlay zones to encourage the construction of senior housing. While this was a beginning, we need to creatively work with our local non-profit housing agencies to designate and acquire the few remaining sites for affordable housing, not open space. Otherwise, we will risk losing the economic, cultural, and age diversity that made Princeton so attractive to many of us.

PETER MADISON
Snowden Lane

Frigid Conditions at Supermarket's Checkout Counters Warrant Attention

To the Editor:

I am sure I'm not the only customer at McCaffrey's who has noticed the appalling working conditions the checkers face every day during the winter. As each customer leaves, the doors open and a winter blast comes in that places the checkers, particularly the two serving the "ten or less" customers, in terribly cold conditions. The checker serving me yesterday was wearing boots, a sweater and her winter coat, and her hands were still blue with the cold.

In view of this I urge those of us shopping at McCaffrey's over the next two weeks to act out our holiday feelings of "good will to all men" by stopping by the service desk and telling the management that we are interested in them doing whatever is necessary to place the checkers out of the winter drafts.

Surely McCaffrey's can find a way to do this. The other supermarkets in the area have done so.

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YMCA Offers Programs For the Coming New Year

This winter the Princeton Family YMCA will be offering new group fitness classes such as Adult Ballet, Cardio Boot Camp, Cardio Kinetics, Cardio Explosion, Power-Pump-Step, and Mat Mix. There is also a water exercise class for arthritis sufferers.

The YMCA's Youth Saturday and Weekday Enrichment programs are intended to meet the needs of working families. Among the other offerings are afterschool care, holiday camps, and workshops in science, language, art, and music, along with fun family events. Every Friday night expanded activities provided for teens include dances, games, sports, movies, and karaoke. There will be separate teen basketball and volleyball classes for boys and

girls.

The physical fitness needs of home-schooled children can be met by the YMCA's Gym, Swim, Art, and Dance programs.

Y Cares financial aid is available for all programs, including membership based on financial need. The YMCA is committed to "Never Say No" to a family or individual in need.

Registration for winter classes begins December 15 for the seven-week session running from January 5 through February 22, 2004. For further details, call (609) 497-9622, extension 204.



SEED AND SUET: A child participating in the night tree celebration of Cotsen Children's Library hangs an "ornament" that will help feed local birds and small mammals.

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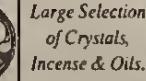
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RIDER ROYALTY: Rider Homecoming Queen Samantha Gordon of Princeton poses with Homecoming King Ryan Kimball.

Princeton Resident Named Rider Homecoming Queen

Rider senior communication major Samantha Gordon of Princeton was named Homecoming Queen 2003 during Rider University's fall Homecoming Weekend. She and Homecoming King Ryan Kimball scored highest among Homecoming Court candidates for exuding campus pride, spirit, and commitment to community service. In addition to being president of the senior class, Ms. Gordon is also president of the Black Student Union (BSU). Last spring she helped lead a bone marrow testing drive on campus geared for minorities in need of transplants. She also helped organize BSU's bus trip to Washington, D.C., in support of the University of Michigan affirmative action case and has participated in Rider's MidNight Run, a campus grassroots effort to provide food and clothing for the homeless in New York City.



SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS: On hand to help the Lewis School celebrate its 30th anniversary of the Tree of Light event was Princeton University women's choir, Tigerlilies.

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"African Exploding Lakes, Myth and Reality" will be the topic of a presentation by Eugenia Shanklin, Ph.D. to 55PLUS on Thursday, December 18 at the Jewish Center of Princeton at 10 a.m.

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Prof. Shanklin, a professor of anthropology at The College of New Jersey, obtained a second Fulbright grant to research the myths surrounding Cameroon's "misbehaving" or "exploding" lakes. Shortly after the completion of her first Fulbright trip to Cameroon in 1985-86, she had the opportunity to witness firsthand the impact of an exploding lake on local populations. The mysterious Lake Nyos tragedy in 1986 left entire villages with few survivors and no clear explanation of how it occurred.

55PLUS is a non-sectarian group of men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July and August.

The Jewish Center of Princeton is at 435 Nassau Street.

Instinct. A natural intuition can be very helpful during the course of a chess game. Not only will it make you a superior blitz (speed) player, but it will also help you to spot more readily the appropriate candidate moves in a longer tournament game.

No matter how many books you read about developing a plan in a chess game, the author will always point out the importance of candidate moves. When your opponent makes a move, you are faced with a decision. While moves are relatively easy to find when they lead to forced mate or are part of some deep opening theory that you have learned, they can be much more difficult to spot in a positional middlegame situation.

"Candidates" are moves that are likely to be beneficial for your position. It is these, and only these, that the player must then assess and calculate. After all, you wouldn't want to analyze variations of every legal move! So, how do we find such candidates?

The best way is by instinct. It is the most time-efficient and, with much practice, is often correct. How do you develop this intuition?

Unlike some of the methods that chess journalists teach, this instinct can only come with experience. It is for this reason that I encourage all of my students and readers to play in as many tournaments as possible. If you lead a very busy life, however, it is even helpful to play through as many games as you can. Games can be found at a number of databases online as well as in computer software such as ChessBase 8.0.



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Once you've developed this instinct, you will surely notice an improvement in your tournament results.

—Chad Lieberman

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8.0-0-0	Bd7
9.f4	h6
10.Bxf6	Qxf6
11.Nf3	Qd8
12.Bc4	Qa5
13.f5	Be7
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ENDING ON A GOOD NOTE: Joseph Flummerfelt, artistic director and principal conductor at Westminster Choir College, has been named the 2004 Conductor of the Year by *Musical America*. The prestigious honor came during the last of his 33 years at the college. He will retire in June after spending most of his musical career at Westminster.

MUSIC/THEATER

Westminster Choir College Director Is Named 'Conductor of the Year'

Joseph Flummerfelt, artistic director and principal conductor at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, was recently named Conductor of the Year for 2004 by *Musical America International Directory of the Performing Arts*.

Typically given to an orchestral conductor, Dr. Flummerfelt, 66, said he is deeply honored to be given such an award.

"It's an extraordinary recognition to receive," he said.

Dr. Flummerfelt received the honor at a ceremony in New York on Thursday, December 11.

"Joseph Flummerfelt is recognized as the foremost choral conductor of our time," said *Musical America* Editor Sedgwick Clark. "In the words of New York Philharmonic Music Director Lorin Maazel, 'Conducting a Flummerfelt-prepared chorus is like driving a Rolls just back from the only honest garage in town.'"

In recognition of his award, *Musical America* will be publishing a feature article about Dr. Flummerfelt in its 2004 edition. In it he will be acknowledged as "the foremost conductor of our time."

Having recently announced his retirement from his position as choral director at Westminster, Dr. Flummerfelt will conclude his 33-year career at the college next June. He said that while conducting has been a large responsibility, it has also been a very fulfilling position.

"It's been an incredibly rich and rewarding career [at Westminster]," said Dr. Flummerfelt. "It was just an amazing period in my life."

Born in Vincennes, Ind., the conductor came to Rider in 1971, at the recommendation of mentors Robert Shaw and Dr. Elaine Brown. At the time he was working as the director of choral activities at Florida State University. Since his appointment at Westminster, the conductor has never strayed.

"Westminster Choir College has accomplished much under Joseph Flummerfelt's leadership," said Westminster Dean

left's position as conductor, he conducted the New York Philharmonic and the Westminster Choir in a series of performances of Stephen Paulus' *Voces of Light* in 2001.

Rather than hold one concluding concert for the conductor, Westminster Choir College will hold a series of concerts throughout New Jersey and across the country that will be conducted by Dr. Flummerfelt.

"Celebrating Flummerfelt" began during the Thanksgiving holiday at Princeton University Chapel, and will continue in various locations in California in February, in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and Georgia in March, and throughout the Midwest in April.

Dr. Flummerfelt said he has been inspired musically by many conductors. "I look to many conductors as wonderful music makers," he said.

While he said there are "many giants in the world of music," some of his favorite pieces of music include Brahms' *Requiem*, Mozart's *Requiem*, and Bach's *Mass in B Minor*.

Right before his retirement, he will be conducting Beethoven.

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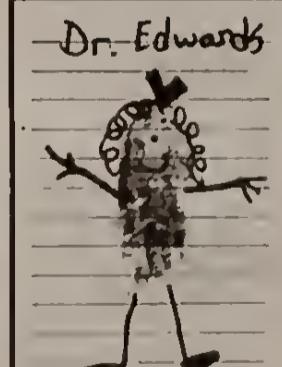
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**Westminster Conservatory
Plans Chanukah Concert**

The Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, conducted by Frank Abrahams, will perform a Chanukah concert, *Light One Candle*, on December 20 at 8 p.m. in the Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College. The program will include excerpts from Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*, *The Dreydl Variations* by Westminster composer Philip Orr, and two Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale commissions, *Ocho Kandekas* by Flory Jagoda and *More Than Enough (The Chanukah Song)* by Michael Isaacson.

Prof. Abrahams is professor of music education and chair of the music education department at Westminster. A Philadelphia native, he holds degrees from Temple University and New England Conservatory. In addition to his work in music administration, he is active as a pianist and choral conductor. In 1994, he founded the Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale to give high school students experience in choral singing.

The Youth Chorale will be accompanied by Kenneth Phillips, a senior at Westminster Choir College who also serves as assistant music director at First Baptist Church of Red Bank, and accompanies two middle school choirs at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For tickets and information, call (609) 921-2663.

**Program of Baroque Music
Set at Unitarian Church**

Le Triomphe de L'Amour, New Jersey's chamber ensemble performing music of the Baroque on period instruments, will present a concert on Saturday, January 10, at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Princeton.

The ensemble, which includes Donna Fournier on viola da gamba, Janet Palumbo on harpsichord, and Tom Moore on flute, will present chamber works of Joseph Bodin de Boismortier and a trio sonata by Jean Marie Leclair. Soprano Laura Heimes will also be featured, singing the cantatas *Love Stung by a Bee* by Louis Nicolas Clerambault, and *Impatience* by Jean Phillippe Rameau.

Le Triomphe de L'Amour has presented rarely heard works of the Baroque to audiences in central New Jersey since 1991. Its CD of Telemann trio sonatas was released by Lyricord Discs of New York in 1999.

Ms. Helmes has collaborated with many of the leading artists in early music, including Andrew Lawrence King, The King's Noyse, The New York Collegium, and Piffaro-The Renaissance Band, with whom she has toured the United States. She has been featured at the Boston and Connecticut Early Music Festivals and at the Oregon and Philadelphia Bach Festivals. She has recently recorded the music of Monteverdi and Cavalli with The Publick Musick, and cantatas of Clerambault and Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre with soprano Julianne Baird and Brandywine Baroque.

Future concerts in the ensemble's concert series will explore music of Italy and England.

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**Folksingers to Perform
In Concerts at McCarter**

McCarter Theatre has announced that three of North America's leading singer-songwriters will perform on its stage in January and February.

American singers Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt will be joined by Joe Ely and Guy Clark for a one-night concert of acoustic music on Friday, January 30 at 8 p.m. A week later, on Thursday, February 5, also at 8 p.m., McCarter will present Canadian singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn.

Texas troubadour Joe Ely has been called either "too country for rock or too rock for country." Part of the original Flatlanders band 30 years ago, he has since released 15 albums, the latest being *Streets of Sin*. Guy Clark has written hits for Ricky Scaggs, George Strait, Vince Gill, Rodney Crispell, and Lyle Lovett, whose CD, *Step Into This House*, is named for one of his songs.

Wondering Where the Lions Are, If I Had a Rocket Launcher, and Last Night of the World have earned Mr. Cockburn International recognition. His songs have been performed by Jerry Garcia and Jimmy Buffett, among others. He was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 2001 by his colleague and mentor, Gordon Lightfoot.

Tickets for the Lovett/Hiatt concert are \$45, \$50, \$55 and \$58; for Cockburn, \$30, \$32, \$33 and \$35. They may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

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Fuma Sacra, the resident choral ensemble at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, will perform its annual Christmas concert in Bristol Chapel on the Choir College's campus in Princeton, Sunday, December 21, and Monday, December 22, at 8 p.m.



Andrew Megill

Entitled "A Renaissance Christmas," the program will include works by Josquin Desprez, Tomas Luis de Victoria, Praetorius, William Byrd, Joan Cererols, and Juan Gutierrez de Padilla. They will also perform traditional English, Polish, and Czech carols.

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Highlights of past seasons graduate-level musicology for Fuma Sacra include a course at Westminster Choir European debut at the 1991 College. He is currently active Spoleto festival and a concert as a performer of solo, recital, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the east coast; as concertmaster of the professional Virginia

Fuma Sacra will be conducted by Andrew Megill, conductor of the Westminster Singers and Westminster Chapel Choir.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. For reservations, call the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"Cool Yule Christmas" Concert Rescheduled

The Christmas at Westminster concert Cool Yule Christmas, originally scheduled for December 6, has been rescheduled for Friday, December 19 at 8 p.m. The concert, part of Westminster's annual festival of holiday music, will feature two of the area's most popular jazz musicians, pianist Phillip Orr and clarinetist Jerry Rife.

Performing in Bristol Chapel on the Westminster Choir College campus, the duo will play jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas themes such as Frosty the Snowman, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and Let It Snow. They will also play arrangements of two German and Puerto Rican carols, The Ellington/Strohman Nutcracker, Mel Torme's The Christmas Song, and an arrangement of the African-American Spiritual Go Tell It On the Mountain.

Mr. Orr is adjunct assistant professor of music at Rider University and adjunct assistant professor of theory at Westminster Choir College, from which he holds degrees in sacred music and composition. The recipient of a New Jersey State Council for the Arts Fellowship, he is a composer, arranger, teacher, and keyboardist. A 1980 release on the Inner City label, *Troedwinds: Lighter Than Air*, featured his talents as composer, arranger, and keyboardist, as well as his perfor-

PDS Madrigals Perform at New York's Carnegie Hall

The 36-member Princeton Day School Madrigals sang at Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium last month as part of the MidAmerica Productions Concert Series. They were joined by PDS music teacher and choral director W. Bryce Hayes, who sang at Carnegie Hall himself ten years ago with his high school choir.

The Madrigals were invited to perform after their success at Boston's Heritage Festival last spring, where they took the first place gold, the award for best score, and the Outstanding Award for best performing group.

Speaking of the group's Carnegie Hall appearance, Mr. Hayes said "One of the things that was fantastic about the performance was that it allowed students to have an experience with a symphony orchestra that they could not replicate at PDS." They performed Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Handel's Coronation Anthem No. I with three other ensembles from Indiana and New Jersey, along with the New England Symphonic Ensemble, and with guest conductor Nancy Menk. "The combined choirs contained 220 young voices," according to Mr. Hayes, who joined the PDS music department three years ago. "Maybe one day one of my high school students will be a director and sing at Carnegie Hall again," he said.



CARNEGIE HALL SMILES: Ten of the 36-member PDS Madrigals with director W. Bryce Hayes, far right. From left, in front, seniors Carly Berger, Erin McCormick, Melissa Rosenberg, sophomore Vinne Murthy, and senior Beth Breslin; from left in back, seniors Brett Downey and Allison Paz, junior Kyle Boatwright, and sophomores Jacob Waters and Jeff Moll.

Peter Cincotti Concerts Postponed Until April

McCarter Theatre has announced that the two concerts by composer, pianist and singer Peter Cincotti originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20, have been rescheduled. The new dates at the Berlin Theatre are Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3.

A 20-year old sophomore at Columbia University, Mr. Cincotti is currently on leave of absence from the school to promote his debut album featuring jazz, ballads, contemporary pop, and his own compositions. He was the youngest performer ever to headline at the Algonquin Hotel's Oak Room.

Mr. Cincotti is currently in Berlin working on a new film,

Beyond the Sea, directed by and starring Kevin Spacey. He was recently featured in People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive" issue.

The new performance times are Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Tickets for the originally scheduled performances will be honored on the rescheduled dates. Tickets at \$40 are available by calling (609) 258 2787.



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"Great Dinosaur Mystery" Comes to Kelsey Theatre

A cast of colorful dinosaur puppets will inhabit the stage when The Great Dinosaur Mystery arrives at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on Saturday, January 10. The children's show will have two performances, at 2 and 4 p.m.

The production is by Dino-rock Productions. For more than 15 years, the company has been introducing children to the world of science and the environment with a troupe of life-sized prehistoric puppets that includes Dolly Dimetrodon, Mama Maiasaura, the Protoceratops Triplets, the Pterodactyl Brothers, and Cammie Camarasaurus. With songs and showmanship the company has entertained millions of children and sold over 100,000 audio recordings around the world.

The dinosaurs are the creations of Ingrid Crepeau, an Emmy Award winning puppet designer, and Michele Valeri, a Parents' Choice Magazine and American Library Association Award winner.

Tickets for The Great Dinosaur Mystery are \$8, and may be purchased online by visiting www.kelseyatmccc.org; by phone by calling (609) 584-9444; or in person during box office hours.

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Ms. Dizza's New York credits include Gone Missing for Agnes of God, by John the Belt Theatre; The Ladies Pielmeier, will begin a three-week run at New Brunswick's Match for Lincoln Center's Directors Lab. She has performed regionally at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival; Rochester's Geva Theatre, Dallas Theatre Center, and La Jolla Playhouse, among others.

First opened in 1982, Agnes focuses on a young novitiate who, at the play's opening, is found unconscious, a dead baby in the adjacent wastepaper basket. Murder charges are contemplated against the young woman, and Dr. Martha Livingstone is brought in to evaluate Agnes and her story. Issues of spiritual faith, sanity, and innocence are brought to the surface as Dr. Livingstone battles Mother Miriam Ruth for Agnes's freedom.

Maria Dizza, of Cranford, will portray the title character; Playhouse veteran Suzanne

Douglas will play Dr. Livingstone; Laurie Kennedy will be seen on the George Street Playhouse stage as four very different women in

Regina Taylor's A Night in Tunisia, as Billie Holiday in Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill, and as Vivian Bearing in the 2000-2001 production of Wit. She currently appears opposite Robert Townsend in the Warner Brothers' syndicated family sitcom, The Parent 'Hood.

Ms. Kennedy has been seen on regional stages around the country, on and off Broadway, and in films and television. On Broadway, she appeared in Copenhagen, Tony Kushner's Angels in America, and the revival of Major Barbara. She was a Tony nominee for Man and Superman, in which she appeared with Nicol Williamson.

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A New Translation Of "Fraulein Else" Slated at McCarter

A new adaptation of Arthur Schnitzler's novella, *Fraulein Else*, will be presented at McCarter Theatre's Berlin Theatre January 6 through February 15. The play has been newly translated for the stage by Francesca Faridany, who will appear in the title role.

Depicting a woman torn between her childhood fantasies and the harsh realities of the adult world, the play contains adult situations and full nudity. A co-production with Long Wharf Theatre, it will be directed by Stephen Wadsworth.



Francesca Faridany

Ms. Faridany began working on her adaptation of the 1924 novella in 2000. The play was further developed in 2001 during a workshop at Berkeley Repertory Theatre and at the Sundance Theatre Laboratory, where Ms. Faridany and Mr. Wadsworth spent three weeks rehearsing and refining the play.

Although *Fraulein Else* marks Ms. Faridany's first foray into the world of translation and adaptation, her collaboration with Mr. Wadsworth spans nine years. The play is their ninth production together.

"There are scripts that theater needs," wrote The New York Times, "and *Fraulein Else* is one of them. For audiences who have tired of demanding bairns for the brain cells, *Fraulein Else* offers an alternative. It moves from one emotional destination to another with fluid, often breathtaking speed."

Ms. Faridany was last seen at McCarter in Mr. Wadsworth's productions of *Don Juan*, *Design for Living* and *The Game of Love and Chance*. She has also appeared in *As You Like It* at the Old Globe Theatre, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Huntington Theatre, and numerous productions at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

Mr. Wadsworth has directed many McCarter productions including *The Triumph of Love*, *Private Lives*, and most recently, *Don Juan*. He wrote the opera *A Quiet Place* with Leonard Bernstein, and has also translated, adapted and directed plays and operas of Goldoni, Monteverdi, Handel and Mozart.

Austrian playwright and medical doctor Arthur Schnitzler (1862-1931) dealt with themes of illusion and reality as they revolved around the topic of sexual love. *La Ronde* is one of his best-known

works and was the inspiration for David Hare's *The Blue Room*, a Broadway hit. Another Schnitzler story, *Traumnovelle*, was adapted by the late Stanley Kubrick for his film *Eyes Wide Shut*.

The *Fraulein Else* cast also includes Omid Abtahi, Mary Baird, Julian Lopez-Morillas, Lauren Lovett, and Michael Tisdale.

Post-performance discussions of the play will be held on Wednesday, January 21, and after the 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, January 25. An American Sign Language Interpreted Performance will be offered on Saturday, February 14 at 4 p.m., with an audio described performance on Sunday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m.



THE MAIN MEN: David Mauro, left, of Ewing, will portray George, while Princeton's Chris Osander, at right, will play his troubled friend Lennie in Like 40's production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," January 9 to 11 and 16 to 18 at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre.

Performances are Wednesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$33 to \$48, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

Preview performances, priced at \$30 and \$33, will be held on January 6 through January 8 and Tuesday, January 13.

"Of Mice and Men" Due At Kelsey in January

Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre will present *Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck's tale of migrant farm workers during the Great Depression, in January. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, January 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday, January 17 and Sundays, January 11 and 18.

The show will be presented by Like 40 Productions.

The Steinbeck story, dealing with farm workers George and Lennie, affirms that one of life's truest gifts is friendship. According to director Dan Spalluto, the powerful bond between George and Lennie is based on the strong human need for companionship and a sense of belonging, a safe place to share hopes and dreams. George's greatest act of kindness towards Lenny is an act of self sacrifice, but is the right thing to do for his friend, Mr. Spalluto added. Through George and Lenny's relationship, our own need for one another can be recognized.

Starring in the production will be Chris Osander of Princeton as Lennie, David Mauro of Ewing as George, Damian Gaeta of Cranbury as Curley, Steven Pie of Hamilton as Candy, Tom Juarez of Bordentown as Slim, Jeff Scharl of Yardley as The

Boss, Marc Flicker of Yardley as Whit, Chris Williams of Morrisville as Crooks, and Heidi Keviar of Lambertville as Curley's wife.

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An 18-year-old Plainsboro man was arrested on charges of trespassing and aggravated assault following a run-in with Township Police during the morning of December 12. The accused, Kai Satterwaite, was allegedly intoxicated when he refused to leave the home of a Griggs Drive resident at 7 a.m., shortly before becoming involved in a fistfight with the resident. When the patrol officers who had been summoned to the scene by the resident arrived, and broke up the fight, Mr. Satterwaite then allegedly took on one of the officers, Melissa Martinez. After being subdued and handcuffed, he was taken to Township Police Headquarters, assigned a court date, and released on his own recognizance.

The Ann Taylor Store on Palmer Square was a victim of shoplifting shortly before 5 p.m. on December 11 when person(s) unknown made off with 27 V-neck sweaters. The value of the stolen clothing was placed at \$3,213.

On December 13, a 20-year-old Princeton University student reported the theft of his laptop computer and various related items from Charter Club on December 5. According to police, the victim had left his belongings, valued at \$771, unattended in the club's card room.

Another 20-year-old Princeton University student, Samuel Palmer, was arrested on drug charges on December 15. According to police she had been found to be in possession of approximately 40 grams of marijuana on December 13, when a University Public Safety officer detected the odor of burning marijuana coming from her Forbes College dorm room. She was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession with intent to distribute. In an unrelated case, another Forbes College resident reported the theft of a portable CD player, headset, and collection of CDs, valued at \$340, from his dorm room.

Still another 20-year-old student was arrested on December 9 after he was observed leaving a liquor store on Nassau Street with alcoholic beverages. An investigation by the arresting officer, Sgt. Nicholas Sutter, revealed that the student, Waldo Emerson Floyd, had purchased the liquor with a fictitious driver's license. He was charged with underage possession of alcoholic beverages, possession of a fictitious license, and misrepresenting his age for the purpose of buying alcohol.

An investigation following

an automobile accident on Nassau Street on December 9 resulted in the arrest of Joseph M. Sisk, 29, of Jackson, who had allegedly altered a temporary registration sticker on his vehicle. He was charged with tampering with a government document, and ordered to appear in court on February 9.

A driver stopped on Nassau Street for operating a vehicle with a cracked windshield was subsequently arrested when a check of the vehicle's registration revealed that it had been reported stolen in Peekskill, New York. As a result, the driver, Luis A. Merchan, 21,

of Hightstown, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property. He was released on his own recognizance after being issued a complaint summons and assigned a December 22 court date.

Four men wanted on outstanding warrants were arrested by Borough Police.

On December 10 police stopped Benjamin C. Ashamole, 25, of North Brunswick for a motor vehicle violation, then arrested him after learning that he was wanted by the Burlington

County for \$237. wanted by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department He was released after posting bail. The following day, Jimmy L. Lewis, 40, of Trenton, was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license and arrested at the Center for Jewish Life on Washington Road several other motor vehicle on an outstanding warrant offenses before being released from the Trenton Municipal to Middlesex County authori- Court for \$9,500. He was ties. A similar motor vehicle charged with contempt of stop on University Place on court and turned over to the same day led to the arrest officers of the Trenton Police of Eric B. Parker, 26, of Department.

A 30-year-old Edison man, Edward Tracy, was jailed after he was stopped on Nassau Street on December 12 for motor vehicle warrants from municipal courts in both wanted by the Burlington Township Municipal Court on subsequently found to be Hamilton Township and Pennington Borough. He was

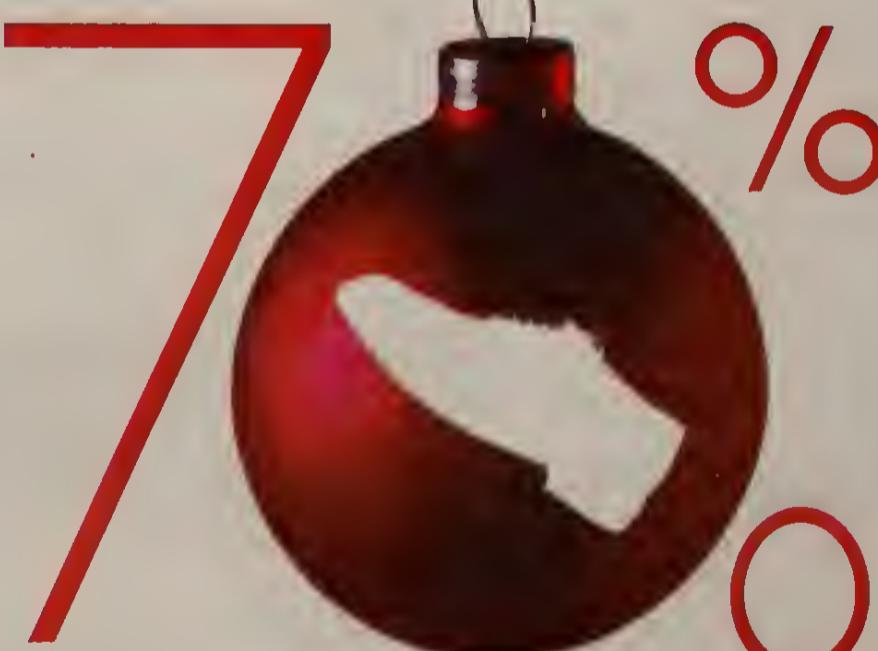
released after posting bail of \$436.

Township Police announced that they issued a total of 385 summonses for failure to wear seat belts during the "Click It or Ticket" enforcement period. The two-week crackdown ran from November 17 to November 30.

Borough police arrested five drivers on charges of driving while intoxicated—David Gomez, 40, of Pennington, and Rolf E. Classon, 24, of Martinsville, on December 10; Luis Sarat Chaj, 19, of Trenton, and Eric L. Peabody, 44, of Plainsboro, on December 13; and Audrey Palazzi, 50, of Princeton, on December 14.



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What does it say about this year's crop of films when it's the height of Oscar-hype season and the best offering of a perennial hopeful like Meryl Streep (nominated 13 times) is a teensploit like *Stuck on You*? Was it really just a year ago that she was in such a critically-acclaimed picture as *The Hours*? The outlook is bleak this year, despite the cast being stocked with Oscar-winners Cher (*Moonstruck*) and Matt Damon (*Good Will Hunting*) and a trio of ex-nominees in Greg Kinnear (*As Good As It Gets*), Seymour Cassel (*Faces*), and Griffin Dunne (*Duke of Groove*)?

Stuck on You comes courtesy of the Farrelly Brothers, Bobby and Peter, collaborators on a base brand of comedy which has netted the pair well in excess of a billion dollars at the box office. This writing/directing team has produced such lowbrow hits as *Dumb and Dumber*, *There's Something About Mary*, *Me, Myself & Irene*, and *Shallow Hal*. And they are currently at work on a remake of *The Three Stooges*.

The primary problem with *Stuck on You* is that the bulk of its mean-spirited mirth comes at the expense of Bo and Walt Tenor, conjoined brothers comically portrayed by Damon and Kinnear, respectively. If you've seen the ubiquitous TV commercial, then you have a very good idea of what to expect. The movie is a one-trick pony which hammers you over the head with the idea that Siamese twins are hilarious via a string of vignettes, all variations on the same joke.

Ever the butt of the joke, the two go trick-or-treating, play baseball and football, box, date, bathe, and even appear in a porno flick called *Pavlov's Dong*. Although the boys are awfully good sports about a world which treats them like freaks, they eventually opt to be separated.

World-renowned surgeon Dr. Ben Carson makes a quickie cameo to perform the delicate operation, setting up a classic second-thoughts scenario in which our heroes

experience overwhelming regret. When not overindulging in birth defect humor, *Stuck on You* divides its attention between its two distracting sub-themes: degrading females and prominent product placements.

Women might take offense whenever crossword buff Bo asks his brother for help on a clue, because the answer's invariably profane. Brace yourself for an avalanche of advertising for Budweiser, Double Bubble bubble gum, Capitol Records, Michelob, American Airlines, Variety Magazine, and

20th Century Fox, among others.

I didn't buy *Stuck on You*'s supposedly uplifting ending, intended to undo all the damage done by the earlier displays of intolerance. The subject of Siamese twins was far more sensitively handled in *Twin Falls Idaho*, a highly-recommended drama available as a video rental. The movie isn't saved by the brief appearance of Jay Leno and Frankie Muniz or by the first pairing of Streep and Cher since their Oscar-quality work a score of years ago in *Silkwood*.

Fair (★). Rated PG-13 for profanity and for crude and off-color humor.

—Kam Williams



BURGER FLIPPING WHILE JOINED AT THE HIP: Bob (Matt Damon, left) and Walt (Greg Kinnear) demonstrate their combined skills at preparing burgers at their diner.

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Bod Sonta (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and strong sexual content). Irreverent holiday flick with Billy Bob Thornton and Tony Cox as con men disguised as St. Nick and an elf, respectively, who go on a mall crime spree chased by a detective (Bernie Mac) till they get the Christmas spirit from an 8-year-old kid. Includes the final screen appearance of the late John Ritter.

Brother Bear (G). Old-fashioned animated feature from Disney, set in the West before the arrival of the white man, tells the tale of the unlikely friendship forged between a young, Native American brave (Joaquin Phoenix) and an anthropomorphic grizzly bear cub (Jeremy Suarez). Additional voicework supplied by Michael Clarke Duncan and Rick Moranis.

The Cot in the Hot (PG for crude humor and double entendres). Mike Myers morphs into the title character of the Dr. Seuss children's classic about a young brother (Spencer Breslin) and sister (Dakota Fanning) left home alone who get an unexpected visit from a fun-loving feline. Supporting cast includes Kelly Preston and Paris Hilton.

Elf (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Roots comedy about the search for his biological father by a man (Will Ferrell) raised as an Elf by Santa Claus (Ed Asner) at the North Pole.

Gothika (R for violence, nudity and brief profanity). Horror flick with Halle Berry as a shrink with amnesia who finds herself committed to her own asylum and accused of her husband's (Charles Dutton) murder. With Robert Downey, Jr. and Penelope Cruz.

The Haunted Mansion (PG for frightening images, mild epithets, and adult themes). Fresh on the heels of the phenomenal success of *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Disney adapts another amusement park ride into a feature film. Eddie Murphy stars in this horror comedy as a workaholic who learns a valuable lesson about life from a ghost that appears during a job interview at a haunted house.

Honey (PG-13 for sexual references and drug content). Jessica Alba stars in this inner-city saga about an aspiring dancer who has to choose between being blacklisted and the casting couch. Street credibility comes courtesy of earthy Mekhi Phifer and rappers Jay-Z, Missy 'Misdemeanor' Elliott, Lil' Romeo and Tweet.

The Human Stain (R for nudity, sex, and expletives). Anthony Hopkins is a distinguished professor posing as a Jew who has hidden his African-American roots for years. Disgraced for making a racial slur, the Viagra-popping poser takes refuge in a steamy affair with a janitor (Nicole Kidman) with a very jealous husband.

The Lost Samuroi (R for graphic violence). Tom Cruise stars as a grizzled gun-slinging Civil War vet, who develops second thoughts about wiping out Japan's remaining samurai warriors. In Japanese and English with subtitles.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13 for battle scenes and scary images). The J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy is completed with Frodo and friends returning for a final showdown for control of Middle Earth.

Lost in Translation (R for sex content). Drama about an over-the-hill movie star (Bill Murray), in Tokyo to tape a TV commercial, who befriends a bored housewife (Scarlett Johansson) neglected by her workaholic husband.

Love Actually (R for sex, nudity and profanity). Irreverent British holiday comedy about 8 London couples in crisis whose lives become hopelessly intertwined by Christmas Eve.

Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13 for off-color humor). This blackface remake of *Can't Buy Me Love* (1987) has Nick Cannon as the high school nerd who pays a cute cheerleader (Christina Milian) to pose as his girlfriend to improve his social status. Cast includes comedian Steve Harvey and rapper Fabolous.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13 for battle scenes and intermittent expletives). Peter Weir's adaptation of the Patrick O'Brian seafaring adventure, set during the Napoleonic Wars, stars Russell Crowe as the Captain of a British man-of-war chasing a French frigate around Cape Horn.

The Missing (R for violence). A Ron Howard directed Western with Tommy Lee Jones as a father who mends fences with his estranged daughter (Cate Blanchett) in time to hunt the outlaws who kidnapped her child. Val Kilmer, Rachel Evan Wood, and Aaron Eckhart are included in a top-flight cast.

Mono Liso Smile (PG-13 for sex content and mature themes). Julia Roberts stars as a pre-feminist era Wellesley professor who inspires students played by Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles, Tori Amos and Maggie Gyllenhaal to aspire to more than marrying well.

Mystic River (R for profanity and violence). Clint Eastwood directed this labyrinthine whodunit starring Sean Penn as a man whose daughter has been murdered. Kevin Bacon and Laurence Fishburne co-star as the detectives handling the investigation, and Tim Robbins surfaces as the prime suspect.

Pieces of April (PG-13 for sensuality, expletives, drug content, and nudity). Katie Holmes stars in the title role of this comedy of errors as a Greenwich Village bohemian from a staid, suburban family who invites her folks to her tiny, dilapidated apartment for a holiday feast with her black boyfriend (Derek Luke).

Shattered Glass (PG-13 for epithets, sexual references, and brief drug use). Illuminating biopic recounts the rise and fall of Stephen Glass, the Washington, D.C. journalist who was later exposed as a fraud.

Something's Gotta Give (PG-13 for profane language and sexual content including brief nudity). Complicated comedy involving a love quadrangle with a young doctor (Keanu Reeves) who falls for the mother (Diane Keaton) of his heart patient's (Jack Nicholson) girlfriend (Amanda Peet).

The Station Agent (R for profanity and drug use). Drama about a reclusive dwarf living in an abandoned train depot whose oasis is invaded by an artist mourning the loss of her son and a hot dog vendor. **Sylvia** (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Gwyneth Paltrow handles the title role in this biography of Sylvia Plath, the celebrated suicidal poet who lost it after being abandoned by her husband Ted Hughes.

Stuck on You (PG-13 for profanity and crude off-color humor). Latest Farrelly Brothers comedy pairs Matt Damon with Greg Kinnear as Siamese twins who find fame in Hollywood but at the cost of their compatibility. Supporting cast includes Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson, Al Pacino, Jessie Ventura, Eva Mendes, and Luke Wilson.

Under the Tuscon Sun (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Romantic comedy, loosely based on Frances Mayes' 1966 memoir, stars Diane Lane as a 35-year-old American lawyer who escapes her cheating husband by vacationing in Italy where she impulsively buys a fixer-upper and gets involved with a tall, dark, and handsome stranger.

—Kam Williams

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Princeton Men's Hoops Edged by Rutgers But Logan's Effort Bodes Well for Future

Looking at the strapping Andre Logan, preseason as well as Princeton's first two it's hard to imagine how physically games. fragile the 6'6, 210-pound forward has been during his career with the Princeton men's basketball team.

Coming into this season, Logan had been sidelined for 40 of the Tigers' last 55 games due to ACL problems with his left knee that required multiple surgeries.

Then, this fall, just when things seemed to be on track for Logan, he severed tendons in his hand in an on-campus incident. That set back caused to him to miss most of the certainly portended well for the future.

A disappointed but relieved Logan saw the positives even as he rued the result of the game.

"I've been playing a little bit here and there, today I just wanted to go out there and help us every way possible," said Logan, who shot 5-for-7 against Rutgers and grabbed five rebounds.

"This game was important for my confidence level. I'm excited to go out the rest of the season and see what I can do."

Logan said he felt that he is just about all the way back physically. "Everything's feeling great, my hand, my knee," added Logan, who came into this season averaging 8.0 points a game in his 41 appearances for Princeton.

"Every week of practice under my belt helps me out a lot. I'm going to come in and give it my all, whether it's for two minutes or 40. My wind is coming back, I still have to get in a little better shape."

Princeton head coach John Thompson III feels that his talented forward is gradually making progress. "Andre is slowly getting his feel back," said Thompson as he reflected

on one of the bright spots of the disappointing loss which dropped Princeton to 4-2 on the season. "He needs time to get physically in shape and to get into the rhythm and flow of the game."

Thompson had little choice but to turn to Logan to influence the flow of the game Saturday as Princeton fell behind Rutgers 27-19 at halftime with star center Judson Wallace struggling through his worst outing so far this season.

With Logan getting extensive time in the second half, Princeton battled back, whittling the Scarlet Knights' lead down to two points on seven occasions. Logan, in fact, had a chance to force overtime but his last second 12-footer rimmed out.

Thompson made no effort to hide his frustration at not getting over the hump and thereby losing a fifth straight game in the series with cross-state rival Rutgers, which improved to 5-1 with the hard-earned win.

"It was just one of those games," said Thompson, who had to grope for the right combination as Wallace scored just five points, nearly 18 points deficit tone as he looked ahead to that below the 22.8 scoring average he brought match-up which will be nationally televised on into the game, and the Tigers collectively shot ESPN2.

"It's a crazy atmosphere, but by now we're used to it, you get that wherever you go," said they came to do what they had to do. They Logan, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. would go on a spurt and we'd respond well to "We're going in there with our heads held get back into the game. That's what happens high. That's the thing about this team. We when you play good teams."

This Wednesday, the Tigers lock horns with one of the country's best and storied pro-out. That's different than we've done in the grams as they travel to Durham, N.C. to face last couple of years."

third-ranked Duke and the wild throng at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

And finally having a healthy Logan after two injury-plagued years makes the Tigers a rejuvenated Logan took on almost a different team.

—Bill Alden



LOGAN'S RUN: Princeton junior forward Andre Logan heads to the hoop in Princeton's 51-49 loss at Rutgers last Saturday. Logan, who has been plagued by injuries the last two seasons, scored a team-high 11 points for Princeton, which takes a 4-2 record into its clash at third-ranked Duke this Wednesday.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



KNIGHT MOVE: Princeton forward Konrad Wysocki flies in for a dunk early in Princeton's 51-49 defeat at Rutgers last Saturday. Wysocki scored seven points for the Tigers as they lost their fifth straight game in the series with the Scarlet Knights.

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Princeton Men's Ice Hockey Sees Success Over Long Haul

Princeton men's ice hockey head coach Len Quesnelle views his team's six-month campaign as a marathon.

Utilizing the approach of a long distance runner, the fourth-year head coach divides his marathon season into segments, focusing on the results over the long haul.

As a result, he is not about to get overly discouraged by his club's current 4-9 mark.

"In the last six or seven games, I've seen signs of improvement," said Quesnelle, "Eric has given us a chance whose team has gone 4-5 in just about every game," said Quesnelle of his netminder who has posted two shutouts in the last five games

"I've seen it in the play of our special teams. We have age of just over three a combined taking a step forward test. "His performance has and then two steps back. We been key for us."

want to be peaking at the

Patton is leading the team in

scoring with nine points on

that his team's 4-0 loss at while Slaton is tied for second

Northeastern in its most on the team with seven points

recent outing last Saturday from his defender spot.

qualified as a step back. "I "Mike Patton is doing a don't think we played the way good job, he has brought a we can play in that game," good work ethic everyday," admitted Quesnelle. "We said Quesnelle. "Steve has

didn't have the execution and done a good job for us on work ethic that we've had in defense. At 5'9, he is quick

other games. They knew it and mobile. He gives you

something different than the

defenders who are 6'4, 6'5.

at that result, Quesnelle is not

He has three goals for us and

about to blow a gasket. "We

they've all come on the power

have the longest season on

play."

campus," explained With Princeton scheduled to

Quesnelle, noting that the play this weekend in the

team starts play in October Dodge Holiday Classic in Min-

neapolis, Minn., where it will face defending national champion Minnesota on December 20 and then either Miami or New Hampshire the next night, Quesnelle is looking for effort as much as results.

"Our work ethic has to be outstanding, starting with the first period," said Quesnelle. "Some nights your play in the system may be slightly off or your execution may be off but if you're passionate and work hard, that will compensate for a lot of that."

If the Tigers can bring that kind of intensity on a more consistent basis, they may eventually get to where they want to be.

—Bill Alden



POINT MAN: Princeton senior defenseman Steve Slaton fights to control the puck in Princeton's loss to Cornell earlier this season. Slaton is tied for second in scoring with seven points for Princeton, which plays this weekend in the Dodge Memorial Classic in Minneapolis, Minn. where it will face defending national champion Minnesota in an opening round matchup.

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Princeton Wrestling Fighting On As It Deals With Loss of Parker

Greg Parker left an indelible legacy on the Princeton University wrestling program in the wake of his graduation last spring.

As a junior in 2002, the Clifton Park, N.Y. native took second in the NCAA championships in the 174-pound weight class. He followed that up by moving up to 184 pounds last season and making the NCAA quarterfinals at that weight.

In dealing with the void left by the departure of the two-time All-American, Tiger head coach Michael New believes that Parker's achievements may have had a bit of deterrent effect on his remaining wrestlers.

"They were in awe of Greg and the things he brought to the table," said New, a former All-Ivy wrestling star at Cornell who is in his seventh year at the helm of the Princeton wrestling program. "They kind of distance themselves from Greg. I'm trying to get people up, and up and we're trying to

attain that level, that's my ambition. It's not an easy thing though."

New believes, however, he has several wrestlers on hand who can excel at the big meets, including seniors Milo Adams in the 141-pound class, Brian Kirschbaum at 133, and heavyweight Joe Looke. "Those three guys are seasoned," said New, referring to the trio of seniors.

"The program is healthy in the larger sense. Youth is coming and they are dedicated. I'm still frustrated in a competitive sense. We're still a bit behind from when the 'arms race' started in the Ivy League."

New, whose wrestlers will compete in the Best of East duals on December 19 in Newark Del., said he has been getting some promising efforts from junior Jack Fleming at 174 and sophomore Matt DeNichilo at 165.

Considering that the program returned as a varsity sport just seven years ago after a four-year hiatus due to Title IX issues, New acknowledges that he has an uphill battle in getting the squad up to par in the increasingly competitive world of Ivy League wrestling. "The league is moving up, country."

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BACK OFF: Princeton University women's basketball captain Mary Cate Opila wards off a Lehigh defender in the Tigers' recent loss to the Mountain Hawks. Princeton, which lost 55-49 to Hofstra last Saturday to fall to 1-5, will look to get on the winning track when it hosts Wagner on December 17, Wake Forest on December 19, and Georgia Tech on December 21.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Zaninovich Appointed To Associate AD Position

Princeton University said this week that Jamie Zaninovich has been named as the school's Associate Director of Athletics for Athletic Relations, Sponsor Services, and Marketing.

Zaninovich will be responsible for most athletic fundraising initiatives at Princeton, including corporate sales and oversight of the Princeton Varsity Club. He will also oversee the marketing efforts for Princeton's 38 varsity teams.

"We're excited about the addition of Jamie," said Director of Athletics Gary Walters. "He comes to us from Stanford, a university that has a lot in common with the academic and athletic success of Princeton. We look forward to the many contributions that Jamie will make here."

Zaninovich, a native of Eugene, Ore., comes to Princeton from Stanford, where he spent the last two years as

Senior Assistant Athletic Director for Strategic Planning and Men's Basketball Operations. His responsibilities in that post included serving as primary athletic administrator for the men's basketball program and leading all strategic initiatives for the department.

Zaninovich earned his bachelor's degree in political science and communications from Stanford in 1993. After graduation, he spent two years working as a producer for Sports Byline USA, a nationally syndicated sports radio network, before becoming a financial analyst.

His start in athletic administration came when he served as a volunteer administrative assistant for Cardinal men's basketball coach Mike Montgomery. After nine months in this role, he was hired full-time by Stanford as marketing and operations director for men's basketball. He then left that position to pursue his MBA from Stanford Business School, which he earned in 2001.

Tiger Women's Hockey Posts Sweep Of Findlay

Led by senior star Gretchen Anderson and freshman standout Kim Pearce, the Princeton University women's ice hockey team won 4-2 at Findlay last Sunday to complete a weekend sweep of the Ohio school.

Anderson and Pearce each had three points in Sunday's victory as the Tigers improved to 9-5 in the season.

On Friday, Princeton had downed Findlay 4-1. Anderson finished the weekend with two goals and two assists while Pearce had two goals and three assists on the trip.

The Tigers will play four exhibition games in Europe over the upcoming holiday before resuming regular season play with contests at Colgate on January 9 and at Cornell on January 10.

Tiger Soccer Star Negron On 3rd-Team All-America

Princeton University junior soccer star Esmeralda Negron earned yet another accolade this week when she was named as a third-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Negron, a native of Harington Park, N.J. who tied the Princeton record for goals in a season with 13 this fall, was previously named a first-team Regional All-American, a first-team All-Ivy League selection, and the Ivy League Player of the Year. She will enter her senior year in second place all-time at Princeton with 27 career goals and 60 career points.

Negron will be one of nine returning starters in 2004 for the Tigers, who went 11-3-3 and received an at-large bid to their fifth-straight NCAA tournament this fall.

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Pounds Making His Presence Felt As Hun Boys' Hoops Starts 2-1

Coming from a small town in North Carolina, Tim Pounds wasn't quite sure what to expect as he took the floor for the Hun School boys' basketball team last Wednesday in its season opener against visiting national power Blair Academy.

With the Hun gym packed and the team buoyed by a rousing section of students wearing bright red T-shirts emblazoned "Stone Section" in honor of Raider head coach Jon Stone, Pounds overcame any nerves he may have had and got caught up in the moment.

Employing slashing drives and a feathery jump shot, Pounds poured in 23 points to help lead Hun to a riveting 64-59 win over Blair.

Minutes after wading through the joyous post-game celebration which saw the Stone Section fans storm the court and mob their heroes, Pounds smiled as he reflected on his journey to New Jersey from Dudley, N.C.

"It's a big change, a big transition," said the 6'4 Pounds, standing in the hallway outside the Hun locker

room. Everything is so structured here. It's real strict academically. I didn't really know what a prep school was before I got involved in this process."

Pounds, though, was quite familiar with the brand of basketball played at the prep level in New Jersey, saying he was aware of the highly touted pair of Luol Deng and Charlie Villanueva who led Blair to national prominence last season before heading to Duke and UConn, respectively.

"I wasn't getting recruited in North Carolina so I wanted to do a post-grad year," explained Pounds. "I had heard about Deng and Villanueva. We're all basketball players when we step on the court."

Noting that he and his teammates had some pent-up energy due to their originally scheduled opener against Redemption Christian on December 6 having been cancelled due to the snowstorm, Pounds was basically satisfied with his debut. "I played my hardest," said Pounds. "I missed a few shots and I made a few bad decisions."

Making one of the key good decisions of the night, Pounds hit a long distance three-pointer at the end of the first quarter to give Hun a 16-13 lead and a major lift. After building that edge to a 22-15 lead, the Raiders went cold as the Bucs went on a 21-8 run to take a 6-point lead into the dressing room.

Turning up the defensive pressure in the opening moments of the second half, the Raiders outscored Blair 22-10 in the third quarter to get the upper hand heading into the final eight minutes of the contest. Hun weathered a furious Bucs rally to hold on for the win.

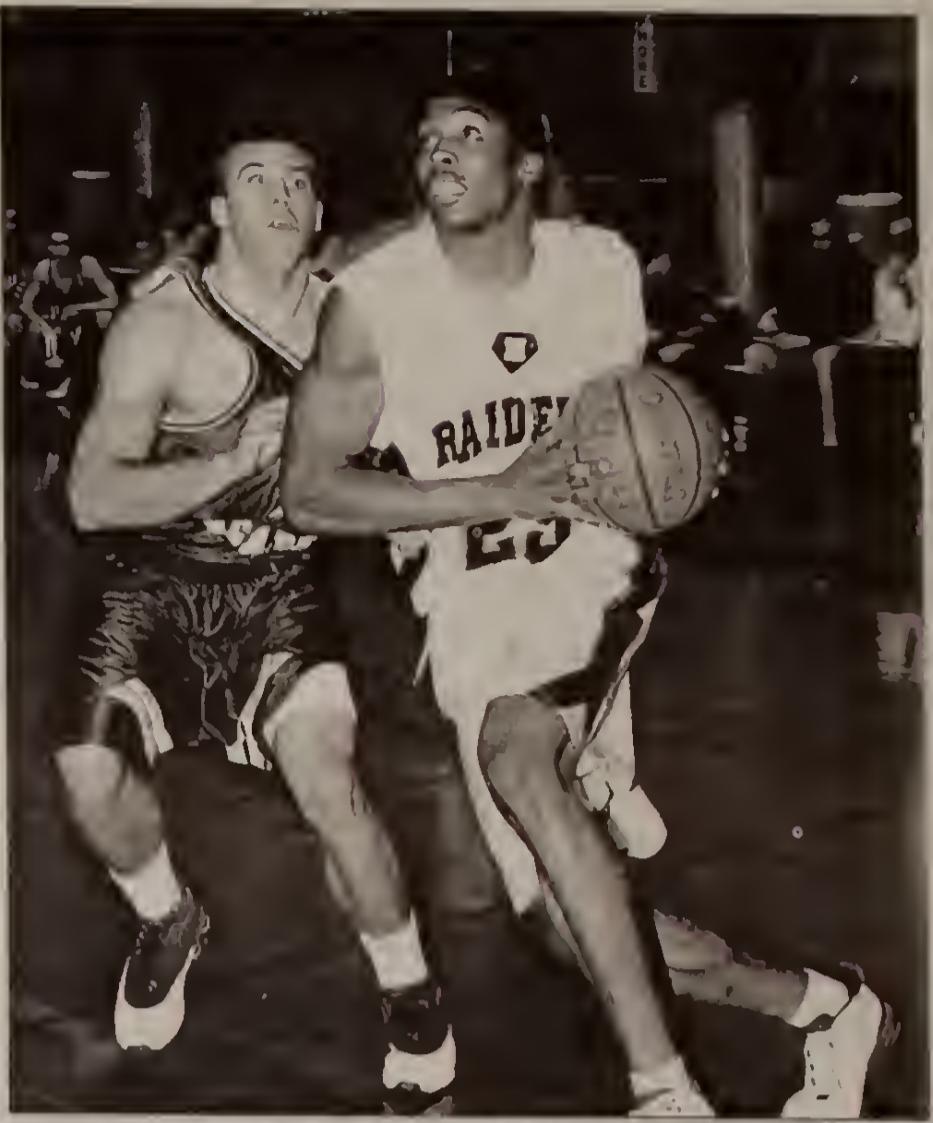
Hun coach Stone was satisfied with his team's effort in toppling Blair although he acknowledged the club is far from the finished product.

"I think we stepped it up a bit defensively, we started limiting them on second shots in the third quarter," explained Stone. "I think it was the defense that got us going. We're happy to get a win but there's no question that our offense needs a lot of work. We got pretty stagnant offensively."

Stone's analysis was borne out by Hun's performance last weekend at the Peddie School Invitational Tournament. The Raiders cruised by Solebury 71-32 on December 12, led by 17 points from Noah Savage and 16 from Mingus Murray. But in the semis a day later, Hun fell to powerful Lawrenceville 70-58 in overtime. Pounds, Murray, and Savage each had 16 points in the setback as Hun battled to compensate for the loss of 6'9 Haris Charalambous, a post-grad star from Manchester, England who was sidelined due to a fractured foot.

Stone knows that he will need Pounds and Charalambous to step up if the Raiders are to click on all cylinders. "Tim is pretty versatile, he can do a lot of things for us," said Stone, whose team plays at St. Benedict's on December 17 before hosting Pennington School on December 18 and Tabor Academy on December 19.

"Haris understands the



EYEING SUCCESS: Hun School postgrad star Tim Pounds eyes the basket as he flies past a Blair defender last Wednesday in Hun's 64-59 win over the Bucs. Pounds scored a team-high 23 points in his debut for the program.

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LEO THE LION: Hun junior forward Leo Nolan drives around a Blair player in the Raiders' 64-59 win over the Bucs last Wednesday. Hun, now 2-1, plays at St. Benedict's on December 17 before hosting Pennington School on December 18 and Tabor Academy on December 19. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Inzano Is Focused on Fundamentals As She Takes Over PHS Girls' Hoops

As a college basketball coach in Indiana, Nikki Inzano found that she didn't always like what she saw when scouting high school games.

"When I was recruiting, I'd see players who hadn't mastered the basic fundamentals," said Inzano, who coached at Indiana/Purdue, a satellite school for Indiana University and Purdue University. "I'd see point guards who couldn't dribble with their left hand, basic things like that."

Inzano, a Highland Park, N.J. native who recently relocated to the Central New Jersey area, made up her mind to do something about instilling the basics of the game at the grass roots level.

"When I moved back here, I decided that coaching in high school would be a way to give back to the game," explained Inzano, who played college basketball at Temple University.

This winter, the recipients of Inzano's knowledge will be the Princeton High girls' basketball team as she takes the helm of the program.

Predictably, Inzano is going back to basics as she tries to turn around the fortunes of a

program that has endured two straight 5-18 seasons.

"What I want to do is play an up-tempo style with a lot of pressing," said Inzano, whose Inzano gets right to the day job is teaching health/essence of her approach. "We physical education at Law- work on the fundamentals for

rence High. I like to use defense to create offense."

In conducting a practice, Inzano gets right to the day job is teaching health/essence of her approach. "We physical education at Law- work on the fundamentals for

the first 30-45 minutes of practice before we get into anything else," explained Inzano. "It's a whole new staff so the girls have to get used to that and learn everything in a few weeks."

Luckily for Inzano she has a core of four seniors, Jessica Calicchio, Alexis Dervech, Jackie Dorman, and Eliza Stassi, who have the savvy to pick things up quickly.

The Little Tigers roster will be rounded out by juniors Zoe Samak and Kaamilah Parker, sophomores Erin Cook and Brittney Holmes together with freshmen Kelly Curtis and Stephanie Grubb.

Inzano likes what she has seen so far in the preseason. "They are catching on quickly," asserted Inzano, whose squad tips off its season by hosting Lawrence High on December 19 and then travels to Monroe on December 22. "They are already playing together. No one individual has stood out, they are jelling together as a unit. They have to believe in themselves. I think that will come in time."

No matter how the season turns out, Inzano is enjoying giving back to the game she loves. "I'm having a great time," asserted Inzano. "I love coaching. I love to see the look in a player's face when she has made a great play."

Hopefully, Inzano will be seeing more and more of those type of expressions on her players' faces as the season unfolds.

—Bill Alden

BACK TO BASICS: New Princeton High girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano surveys the action at a recent practice session. Inzano, who has brought a renewed focus on the fundamentals to the program, will make her PHS debut when the Little Tigers host Lawrence High on December 19.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

INZANO SURVEYS THE ACTION: Nikki Inzano surveys the action at a recent practice session.



WHIRLING DERVECH: PHS senior Alexis Dervech looks for an opening at a practice last week. Dervech and teammates tip off the 2003-04 season when they host Lawrence on December 19 before traveling to Monroe High on December 22.

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PHS Boys' Hoops Sees Quickness As Best Way to Press the Issue

Coming off a discouraging 3-20 campaign, the Princeton High boys' basketball team is going to take things one step at a time as it looks to improve this season.

"Realistically there were a lot of games last year where we were blown out," said second-year head coach David Kosa. "We need to be more competitive this year."

In order to tighten things up, Kosa is going to have his team turn up the pressure on defense. "Because of our quickness, we will look to press more on defense," said Kosa. "When we have fallen behind in our scrimmages, we have turned to the press and it has gotten us back in the flow."

Kosa believes he has two weapons on offense in Edson St. Juste and Kareem Blue, who can turn the tide in favor of PHS.

"Edson can play the one, two, or three," said Kosa of

the 5'10 senior. "He's very versatile. He can score inside or outside. We're counting on him for leadership."

In Kosa's view, Blue will be the trigger man who makes some good minutes from the Little Tigers go. "Kareem seniors Tom Perkins and can do some exciting things from the point guard spot," added Kosa.

Other returners who should make a solid contribution for PHS include senior forward has the quickness and ball

handling to be dangerous, he acknowledges that it will need to fight hard to overcome its lack of height. "We have nobody over 6'3," said Kosa. "We will have trouble playing interior defense against the teams who have players over 6'5. We have to really concentrate on boxing out."

Keeping focused mentally will be another key for PHS. "We need to make better decisions in the open court, particularly in crunch time," maintained Kosa. "We lost four or five games last year by making bad decisions down the stretch. We also need to cut down on our turnover ratio."

Noting that his ultimate goal is to see his team qualify for the state tournament, Kosa believes his team is heading in the right direction. "We have had decent scrimmages," said Kosa, whose club opens the season by playing at Lawrence High on December 19 and then hosting Monroe on December 22. "Everybody is working hard."

—Bill Alden



TRIPLE THREAT: Princeton High senior Edson St. Juste considers his options in a recent practice session. St. Juste, a versatile performer who could see action at both guard positions and small forward, is expected to provide leadership as well as points as PHS looks to improve on its 3-20 mark last season.

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BLUE MOON RISING: Princeton High point guard Kareem Blue lofts a shot in a practice last week. Blue will be expected to run the offense for PHS, which opens its season by playing at Lawrence High on December 19 before hosting Monroe on December 22.

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Nelson Relishing Leading Role For 2-1 PDS Boys' Ice Hockey

In his sophomore season on the Princeton Day School boys' hockey team last winter, Keith Nelson started the year deferring somewhat to the accomplished veterans on the club.

By the stretch drive of the season, however, Nelson emerged as one of the team's top scoring threats, taking a back seat to none of his teammates when it came to putting the puck into the back of the net.

Nelson culminated his rise to prominence by scoring a hat trick in the state Prep B title game as the Panthers routed Montclair-Kimberley 7-0 to win their sixth straight title.

This winter, Nelson knows he will be counted on to provide much of the team's scoring punch. The forward has been up to the challenge in the early going, scoring four goals and adding four assists in the team's first three games.

After scoring two goals and an assist in PDS' 5-1 win over Cranford last Friday, Nelson made it clear that he is relishing taking on a leading role for the program.

"As the first line, Will [Denise] Justin [Mimmo] and I have to step up the tempo," said the shaggy-haired Nelson with a grin. "We have to play better than the other team's first line. Scoring goals is our job on this team and we have to do it well."

PDS coach Chris Barcless believes Nelson is doing his job well. "Keith is real good, he's one of our go-to guys," said Barcless, whose club improved to 2-1 with the win over Cranford and plays in the Barber Tournament this weekend in Boston.

"He's a great kid to coach, I really can't say anything bad about him. He shows up and plays hard no matter whether we're playing the best team or the worst."

Barcless is also happy with the play the team is getting from Nelson's senior linemate, Will Denise, the team's MVP last season.

"Will is the type of kid who doesn't care who scores the goal," said Barcless of Denise who has piled up two goals and four assists in early-season action. "He just plays smart, if someone else is scoring the goals for us, great."

While Barcless is happy with how his top line is performing, he acknowledges that the team is a work in progress having just played three games.

"It's early in the year, we still have a lot of kinks to work out," said Barcless, who is rotating senior goalies T.J. Krall and Mitch DePace as he looks for one of them to emerge as the starter.

"We need to work hard on puck movement. We need to move the puck better and put together more than two passes at a time."

Nelson, for his part, is dedicated to becoming a complete player as the team looks to put everything together.

"I'm more of a team player this year," said Nelson. "We had a lot more depth last year. I need to step up my ice time and play in all situations. I need to mean more to the team now."

If Nelson's performance in the first three games of the season are any indication, he's going to mean quite a lot to the Panthers this winter.

—Bill Alden

WOAH NELLIE! Princeton Day School junior forward Keith Nelson battles a Germantown Academy defender in PDS' 6-4 season-opening win. Nelson has tallied a team-high eight points for PDS, having notched four goals and four assists for the 2-1 Panthers.

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FREEZE FRAME: Princeton Day School seniors Pete Rossi, left, and Will Denise converge on the puck in PDS' 6-4 win over Germantown Academy on December 3. The Panthers, now 2-1, play at the Barber Tournament in Boston on December 19 and 20.

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upcoming action, Lawrenceville will compete in the Boys Club of New York Tournament from December 18-20 at Chelsea Piers in New York City.

improved to 3-1-1. PHS faces Lawrence High on December 17 at Mercer County Park before taking on Morris Knolls on December 20 at Skyland.

PDS

Ice Hockey: Taylor Blazecki and Kelly Fitzpatrick each scored goals but it wasn't enough as Stuart fell 5-2 to Princeton High last Saturday. Goalie Natalie Verhaegen had 46 saves for the Tartans, who fell to 0-2. Stuart will next be on the ice when it plays in its annual Alumni game on December 27 at the Lawrenceville School rink.

Girls' Basketball: A stellar performance by postgraduate star Vanessa Cannon sparked the Big Red to a 59-49 win over Worcester last Saturday. Cannon tallied 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Lawrenceville improved to 4-0. The Big Red will play in the Pomfret Tournament on December 19 and 20.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Sparked by Vicki Chen and Louise Finnell, PHS opened its season on a high note as it topped Stuart 5-2 last Saturday. Finnell had two goals while Chen added a goal and two assists as the Little Tigers broke open a 1-1 game with a four-goal outburst in the third period. Cami Mahon and Jackie Distler also scored goals for PHS while Emily Schulte had 23 saves in the net. The Little Tigers will next be in action when they play Summit on January 7 at the Lawrenceville School rink.

Girls' Basketball: Strong performances from Lexi Cheshier and Marla Pfenninger carried PDS to a 45-33 win over Purnell last Monday. Cheshier scored 20 points while Pfenninger added 12 as the Panthers improved to 1-3. PDS has home games against George School on December 17 and Gill St. Bernard's on December 19.

Girls' Ice Hockey: A productive outing from Carly Berger helped spark PDS to a 6-1 victory at Wyoming Seminary last Friday. Berger had a goal and two assists while Heidi Morse, Jessica Cellars, Katie Cara, Betsy Welsh, and Laurie Cartwright also found the back of the net for the Panthers. PDS, now 2-1, plays at Pingry on December 17 before competing in the Canterbury Tournament on December 19 and 20.

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Boys' Basketball: Paced by a balanced attack, Lawrenceville routed Brunswick Academy 93-54 last Sunday in the title game of the Peddie School Invitational Tournament. Joakim Noah and David Whitehurst each had 15 points while Andrew Morrison added 10 as the Big Red improved to 3-0. In

Boys' Ice Hockey: Sam Finnell and Nick Brener had big days as PHS swamped Nottingham 11-1 last Monday. Finnell had two goals and three assists while Brener scored an goal and had two assists as the Little Tigers

Swimming: The PHS girls' team competed in the Knight Relays last Saturday at WW/P-N and came away with a second place finish in the 200-meter fly relay race. PHS swimmers will compete at Lawrence High on December 22.

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HUN

Girls' Basketball: Strong efforts by Mary Stinson and Jill Fonseca helped lead Hun to a 62-30 rout of the George School last Saturday. Stinson and Fonseca each scored 12 points as the Raiders improved to 4-1 on the season. In upcoming action, Hun will host Pennington School on December 17 before competing in the Rutgers Prep Tournament on December 19-20.

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Raiders topped Pennington School 3-1 last Tuesday to improve to 3-0. The Raiders got goals from Jeffrey Fisher, Alex Green, and Nick Carter in the win. Hun will host Pinney School on December 17.

Swimming: Nick Vacca won two races but Hun fell 97-73 to George last Friday. Vacca took first in the 500-yard freestyle and the 100 backstroke for the Raiders, who will swim at Ranney School on December 18.

Wrestling: Hun lost 60-21 to Rutgers Prep last Saturday to fall to 2-1 on the season. The Raiders will have a matchup at George School on December 17 before competing in the Bayonne Tournament on December 20.

YOUTH

Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Results

The Princeton Recreation Department under-14 boys' squad opened its season in style as it topped Hopewell 40-21 to tip off another season in the Central Jersey Youth Basketball League. Tyler McNeely had a big day for Princeton as he scored 17 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, and blocked three shots. Joe Rogers chipped in 10 points and five steals for Princeton while Declan Escobar had five points and eight rebounds.

Princeton's U-12 boys' team also got off on the right foot as it posted a come-from-behind 55-51 win over Lawrence. Princeton trailed by as many as 10 points in the third quarter before storming back for the victory. Skeylar Ettin played a key role in the rally as he scored 20 points while Jonathan Scott had 12 points and 21 rebounds.

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Mr. Kompa co-founded Business Alliance Capital in 1995. The company, which provides asset-based lending, has regional offices in Chicago and Los Angeles, and eight satellite offices. He is a sponsor and frequent speaker for the Venture Association of New Jersey, a member of the Turnaround Management Association, and the New Jersey State and Mercer County Chambers of Commerce.



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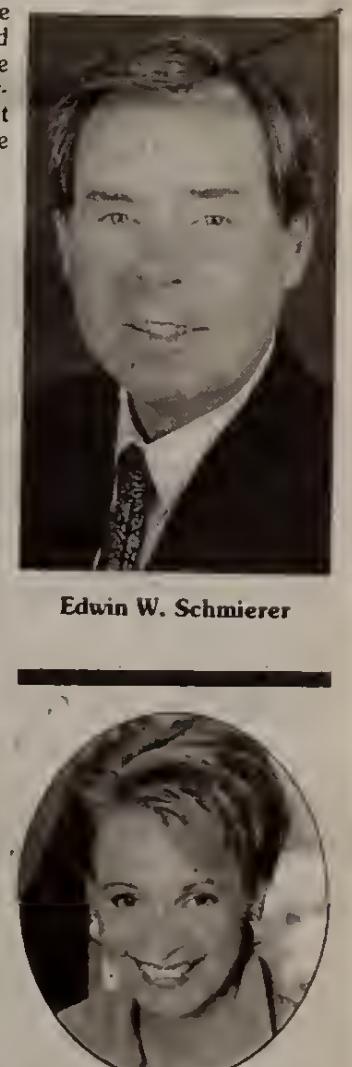
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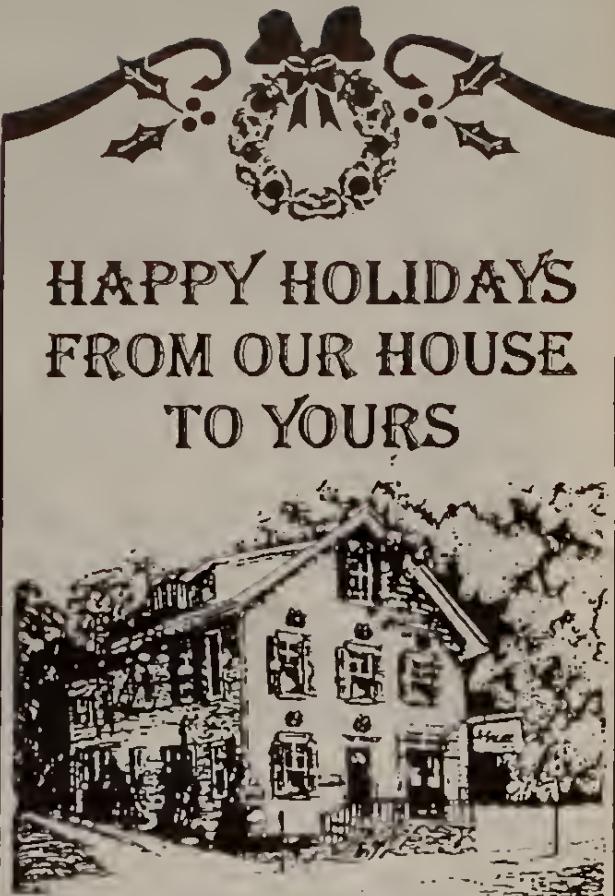
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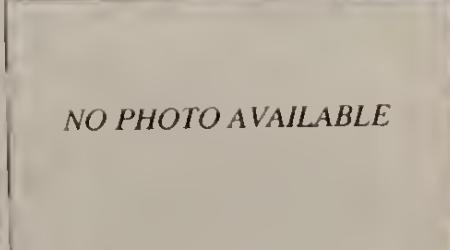
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By Tod Peyton

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Collecting can be a captivating year-round pursuit; for some, a passion. When the holidays arrive, even those items, who normally never give a thought to creating a collection, are often caught up in the year. But serious tea drinkers that like me require a number of tea like teapots, for example. Teapots alone. And, please don't brew for specific times, for specific teas. Breakfast tea needs for ginger, or Red Zinger to be kept hot for a long time, the one reserved for 'Sleepytime'. These are just a sampling of items found in prominent proportion in many houses between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Additions to collections are certainly welcome gifts.

"Once you know that a family member or friend has a collection, giving to them is a cinch," says a neighbor, who cups on a tray in the living room, with hot water ready to heat up the tea or dilute it a bit.

"It's not just the holiday bit."

"A teapot that is used for a though of course, they are spicy tea is best reserved for always special this time of that use," she continues. "One

mode. Santas, snowmen, angels, nativity scenes, miniature houses and entire villages, china, nutcrackers, carolers, and rocking horses — as I am the only family tea time'.

drinker and want it to last. So

"Should a friend drop by later, I want a cheery Italian ceramic pot (with a tea cozy) and bright mugs. Afternoon tea tastes best made in a china pot, served in china It's wonderful!"

"For very special occasions, my morning orange pekoe and tea is served from the footed black blend is made and kept silver tray, with all the appropriate silver tea and hot water

pots kept warm with a flame under them. As with any seri-

ous collector, when you get a

new teapot, you expand your

horizon to a new tea as well.

It's wonderful!"

Precious Gift

Another tea-drinking friend, originally from Wales, has had a different experience with a special teapot. "My sister in London gave me this great teapot that lights up, displaying a charming picture inside, and plays music. The only thing is, you can't make tea in it!"

For some people, items that began as a holiday collection end up being displayed all year. One Christmas, a friend received a very precious gift of a Boehm porcelain lion and lamb.

"I had always wanted it," she says, "and now I can't bear to put it away. I keep it out all year."

Angels are another specialty. A neighbor, who formerly collected all kind of angels, now collects only the glazed Lladro angels, and they are a presence in the house throughout the year. In a multitude of sizes and shapes, they recline, read, relax, stretch and play musical instruments — angels for all occasions and all seasons.



SWEET TREATS: Nancy Robinson, owner of Robinson's Fine Candies, is shown amidst a collection of penguin, Santa, and snowman 3-tiered candy containers. She is holding a 15-inch milk chocolate Santa. A profusion of homemade chocolates fills the shop. Classic gift assortments, truffles, novelties, also homemade Christmas mints, candy canes, traditional ribbon candy and other holiday hard candy, barley sugar lollipops, chocolate Hanukkah candles and chocolate gelt are available. In addition, sugar-free chocolates — Santas upon order — mixed nuts, including the large size cashews, and a big variety of holiday candy dishes, trays, tins, and containers are offered. New this year is a wine coaster with cork, which can be filled with candy until the wine is opened! Holiday gift baskets are another specialty.

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"If the gift you need is for an angel collector, be bold," she advises. "Ask if the collection is going in a particular direction, such as toward a single color, texture, use, origin, dimension, etc. Perhaps all the ornaments on the tree will be angels, and a perfect gift would be a silver or filigree angel addition."

Decorating the Christmas tree with a single category of ornaments can be the ultimate setting for a collection, adds a Princeton friend. "I have a lot of feathered bird ornaments, which I inherited from my mom, who collected them over the years. I have kept gathering them too, and there are white ones and lots of cardinals. Sometimes, I only put the birds on the tree, and it is really beautiful."

Another friend reports that her husband, who is a serious fisherman, has his own small tabletop tree, adorned with fishing paraphernalia: hooks, rods, reels, tiny fisherwomen, boats, and of course, fish.

"He loves it," says his wife, "and it is his great joy that we add to it each year. He is a race car enthusiast as well, and I also decorated a smaller tree with all kinds of tiny race cars, and this tree sits inside a red model Chevy convertible. He likes it so much that it is displayed on a shelf in his study all year long."

Trimmed Trees

There is no doubt that rounded with Santas at trimmed trees are collectibles Christmas."

in this family. They are everywhere! "One year, I put up 21 different Christmas trees," she reports. "Most of them collector! She reports that she had a theme, and one of my has also begun a collection of favorites was an artificial moose! (Soft teddy bear-type white tree about three feet moose, that is).

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save their cards and wrapping Christmas, I had them all slide

paper with Victorian scenes

and give them to me to recycle for this tree.

"It is filled with Victorian angels, Madonna and Child, children, dolls, toys, Father Christmas, and many other Victorian and Edwardian scenes. I love this tree because it reminds me of those who have been kind and thoughtful to me. Also, one of the best things about it is that, with the exception of the lights, all the paper ornaments fit in a shoebox and are so easy to store. I call it my 'Victorian Scrap Tree.'

Santas are another very, very collectible item and are found in every possible style, material, size, and setting. My Honeybrook Drive friend, a Christmas devotee par excellence, has one of the largest collections I know of — 75 different Santas. It has been building for the past 25 years.

"I wanted to collect something for Christmas," she recalls. "I looked at a Santa in one store, and the price was \$125. Too much, I thought. Then I went back after Christmas, and discovered it was a June McKenna Santa, a limited edition, signed by her. I got it for the next year.

"Then, I decided to collect, and every year after that, got one. People started giving them to me, too. They are all tree with all kinds of tiny race cars, and this tree sits inside a red model Chevy convertible. buying very special, hand-made ones.

"Also, along with the Santas, I began getting Santa needlepoint pictures and Santa pillows. I love to be sur-

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Conversation Piece

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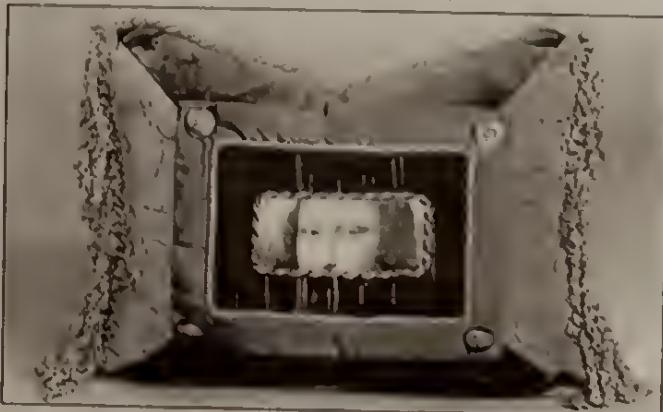
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ing down my stair rail. Someone asked me what their names were. So, I named them for everyone in the family, and even dressed them. They are a real conversation piece!"

Another collector adds her own Santa story: "The Shuffling Santa." "All our friends knew we liked to have Santas, and one Christmas, my husband's former room-mate was visiting from Detroit. He brought us a Santa which other place you might find a shuffled and played a Christ-

mas carol medley — We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Silent Night, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, etc. in that order.

"Santa was in our friend's suitcase, which was in the back of a hired van bringing him from the airport to our home. Perhaps the van went over a bump and activated the music, but all the way from Queens to Princeton, the carols played! We had the Santa for years. Eventually, the music wore out, but we still put him out at Christmas and remember this funny story."

Santa's Helpers

Antique dolls, often in holiday finery, and Byers' Choice Carolers, and Kindles are other very collectible items. The Carolers, who always have their mouths open in song, are available in various categories, including "Salva-

tion Army", with figures playing musical instruments and reports. "A friend of ours singing, and "Donut Girl"; started a snowman collection also, adults with skis, and grownups and children holding snowshoes. The company is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and in commemoration, there is a special "Victoria's Mother" caroler.

Kindles are small holiday sprites or attractive little troll and elf-like creatures. Categories include "bakerkins" and Santa's helpers, and they can be placed on a Christmas tree branch or mantel, or any brought us a Santa which other place you might find a Christ-

mas carol medley — We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Silent Night, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, etc. in that order.

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Village Scene

Another popular yuletide household display is the miniature village scene. Entire wintertime villages spring up, complete with skating rink, toy stores, houses, railroad station, shoppers, skaters, family pets, etc.

The popular Dept. S6 collectibles, as well as others, include a variety of theme villages: Christmas in the City, North Pole, Dickens Village, Original Snow Village, and Alpine Village. There are many buildings and accessories, such as lamplighters, busy elves, toy factories, etc., for each category.

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would not seem complete. Often they have been passed down through the generations, and the years have added the patina of "character" to their original charm.

"When my husband and I were first married, we lived in 'plush poverty,' as we were both working 40 hours a week, and he was attending law school at night," recalls a Princeton friend. "For our first Christmas together, we went to a discount store and found a small nativity set with several different animals, including two small sheep. It cost \$1.99 for the set!"

Goad As New

"When we had our daughter, Laura, we continued the tradition of our little nativity set, and when she was three, we placed the set on the coffee table so that she would be able to arrange the Holy family, the wise men, angels, shepherds, and many different animals that we had added to the set. While Laura was arranging all the animals around the Christ Child, one of the lambs fell off the table and broke his leg. Laura was devastated because she was very fond of the sheep. I found a tiny band-aid, we wrapped the leg, and he was as good as new."

"Laura is 30 years old now, and she has this nativity set, and, yes, the little lamb with the bandaged leg is still a part of our Christmas nativity tradition."

"We have lots of stuff that is traditional with us," notes a neighbor. "Some of it badly worn, and most of which

In addition to the collections, treasured keepsakes are often an essential part of the holiday celebration. These can range from decorations and ornaments to special dolls, toys, or books, and without them, the holiday celebration

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"In recognition of my husband's Danish heritage, there are always Jul Nisse (elves) and strings of Danish flags on the tree. The flags are always the last item placed on the tree and signify its completion."

"The cross-stitch runners made by his mom and also the cross-stitch Advent calendar — Danish style with blue background — made by his sister are very important to us. The kids used to take turns hanging a tiny ornament from each loop. And now that they're not always here, we continue the tradition."

"We also have three ornaments that were on my parents tree — a small pear and two small silver ornaments in old-fashioned shapes. In addition, there is a well-worn (and very cheap) ornament saved from my first Christmas tree in my first apartment when I was single, as well as the various ornaments made by the children."

Another friend of Danish heritage also trims her tree with Danish flags and small Danish hearts. "Some are really old from relatives in Denmark, and others I received from my Danish host family when I spent a college semester there. I also have my stocking made by my aunt. It is quilted with Rudolph on it with a sequined red nose. I will never give it up!"

Ornaments are clearly important keepsakes for many, and often, the older, the better.

Christmases Past

"Probably our favorite ornament is an old discolored purple ball," says another Princeton neighbor. "It dates back to the early 1900s and came from our grandfather's tree. It was one that survived a Christmas disaster long ago, when grandfather's beautifully decorated tree fell over, smashing most of the ornaments. The purple one remains as a survivor, reminding us of days and Christmases past."

"Two other special ornaments on our tree are delicate gold circles, each one holding a little angel, which rotates with every whisper of air. Each is engraved with the name of one of our sons. Our boys are grown now, but whenever they come home for Christmas, one of the first things they do is search for the angel ornament with their name."

Finding a meaningful ornament on the tree is very

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important to children, adds a grandmother of 13 — she should know!

"With young grandchildren, it is important to put all the ornaments they have made for us on the tree. I have catalogued them by name and ornament, so I am sure to get them all up. Because the children will definitely come and look for them!"

In addition to these hand-made specialties, other decorations she includes every year are angel chimes. "We've had them a long time. When you light the candles, the heat makes the angels spin around, causing the chimes to ring.

"I also have old ornaments that were passed down in the family. You can tell they're old because the tops are different and the glitter is different. Another special item is our wire-mesh card holder, with red ribbon, which my parents had used for many years."

Kids have very definite decorating ideas, reports another friend. "Our tree is divided into two sides. One side holds and sadly a couple of years ago, vandals stole it. We got our son Jamie; the other is Jerry's. When the boys are home, they help to decorate the tree in this manner. If they are away, then Mom and Dad do it for them!"

"We still have the 'Macaroni' wreath which our daughter

made in nursery school," says my Arizona friend. "It's a piece of cardboard cut out in the shape of a wreath and macaroni is glued all over it. There's a small red bow at the bottom — a collector's item!"

"And we certainly can't do without our mechanical Santa and Mrs. Claus, which the kids absolutely love. When you push the switch, they rock in their seats, and Santa snores while Mrs. Claus knits and hums 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town.'

All these items, perhaps unremarkable by themselves, take on new dimensions because of the memories they evoke.

"We have three small ceramic carolers given to me when I was five, pastel china angels, which are 'sweeping' with small brooms — a baby present to me, and angels which spell out 'Noel' — a letter per angel," adds my friend. "Unfortunately, the 'e' broke a few years ago, so it's 'Nol' now. But we wouldn't think of not putting it out."

"We had another incident recently with our outdoor reindeer. He stood in the yard, into two sides. One side holds and sadly a couple of years ago, vandals stole it. We got our son Jamie; the other is Jerry's. When the boys are home, they help to decorate the tree in this manner. If they are away, then Mom and Dad do it for them!"

"We still have the 'Macaroni' wreath which our daughter

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BOUNTIFUL BASKETS: Heidi Karbownik (left), manager, and Robin Conover, assistant manager of Main Street Cafe in Kingston, are shown with two of Main Street's popular gift baskets, which can also be customized. Contained within are delicious goodies, such as the new homemade fudge, peanut brittle, date squares, vanilla walnuts, assorted seasoned nuts, cookies, fruit breads, chocolate espresso beans, and holiday biscotti. Main Street is known for its outstanding baked goods, including holiday cookies, large gingerbread men and trees, traditional European yule log, and decorated holiday cakes and tarts. In addition, Main Street Catering offers full service for the holidays — from lunch and brunch to the most formal parties and dinners. Holiday menus are available.

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Shelter Animals Make Wonderful Additions to the Family, Especially at the Holidays
by Sara Nicolls, Executive Director of SAVE Princeton's animal shelter

I see it happen year after year. Shoppers caught up in the frenzy of the season deciding spur of the moment to stop at a pet shop and buy a puppy or kitten for the holidays.

And then a few weeks later, I'm reminded of how disposable our society has become. Once the glow wears off, shelters like ours are flooded with "returned" and abandoned animals.

Don't get me wrong. Companion animals make wonderful additions to the family, especially at the holidays. But before you add a fury new member to your brood, stop and ask yourself, "Am I ready for a lifelong commitment, both financially and emotionally?"

If you're not sure of the answer, it's best to talk things through. A good place to start is with the adoption coordinator at SAVE. Ask about the work and expense pets entail, and about what pet is best for your particular lifestyle.

Second, think hard and objectively about whether you have the time and budget to meet these needs. Pets are a lot like children who never grow up: they rely on us for shelter, food and love.

Then, consider the impact an animal will have on your life. For example:

- Caring for pets helps teach children responsibility, when the animals are age-appropriate. Plus, researchers have found that children with pets have higher self-esteem, better social skills and greater empathy than children without.
- If you want to steer the holiday focus away from commercial aspects, adopting a shelter pet teaches your child about compassion and helping a creature in need.
- Pets bring companionship, joy, happiness and stress relief to life. A dog or cat will listen to your problems without judging or interrupting, and offer unconditional love and support.
- Recent medical studies suggest that owning a pet may help reduce stress-related symptoms, including high blood pressure and pain. Another study shows that a pet gives a higher boost to the survival rate of heart patients than even a spouse or friends. Researchers speculate that the responsibility of having a pet stimulates the survival instinct.

If you've thought it all through and determined that adopting a pet is the thing to do, then I urge you to give serious consideration to adopting a shelter pet.

If, on the other hand, you decide that you're not ready to adopt, there are other ways to make a difference. You might volunteer at the shelter, make a donation of money or goods, or foster a pet for short period.

To see the animals available for adoption at SAVE, visit the shelter from noon-6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or call 921-6122.

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St. Patrick's Day, when we hung a shamrock around his neck."

Special displays under the tree can make deep and lasting impressions on children, too. A neighbor, now retired, remembers such a scene.

"Beneath our Christmas tree each year of my childhood would magically appear a wonderful 'garden,' as we called it, with various scenes of Christmas portrayed in it. A plywood board about four feet square, it had a green granular surface and was bordered by a little red picket fence. Reddish-brown roads with toy cars traversed the landscape with trees, houses, and other buildings along side. A mirror served as a lake in one quadrant, with ducks swimming on it. Cows and sheep grazed in a meadow, and there was a little foot bridge and a well, with children drawing a pail of water from it and other miniature figures.

"That garden is a memory now, but many of those figures and farm animals, snow-tipped trees, and even that little well remain and are lovingly brought out each year. Similar scenes are created with them on piano and table tops, window sills and beneath our own tree, recalling those treasured childhood memories."

A Lambertville resident recalls a similar scene under his tree when he was a boy. "Every Christmas, we brought out a red wooden barn with a green roof, doors, and a cupola. It was filled with wooden animals and surrounded by fences and wooden trees. I can remember it as if it were yesterday!"

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HOLIDAY CHOICES: This display at Marlowe's Jewelry & Repairs includes the "2003 U.K. Jewelry of the Year" winner — the hot diamond selection. Shown at right is the hot diamond silver heart necklace with diamond. From left are fresh water pearls in the popular "Movable" design, and sterling silver chain, sleek red and black champagne flutes, and necklaces, including multi- and single-strands of smoky topaz, freshwater pearls, and cloisonne beads. Marlowe's also offers Zoppini charms and sliding bracelets, so popular with all ages. Diamond necklaces are hot for the holidays, and watches are always excellent gifts. Special orders and complimentary gift wrapping are available.

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Keepsakes that prompt memories of special people are always a part of the holiday scene. A West Windsor resident recalls precious menorahs which were set in a place of honor each Hanukkah.

"I had two small ones when I was a child, which I then

gave to our boys for their very own small candles. They have prominently displayed every now given them to my two grandsons. We also decorative plate, really an

used a menorah that my grandmother had for many, many years. Then a few years ago, my husband and I bought a new one, made of heavy glass. We used it for Hanukkah, and then I broke it. Two years ago, as a surprise, my son and daughter-in-law gave us a magnificent glass menorah which we will always wanted to get it for my sister, but it was too expensive.

There is also special meaning in some of the rituals surrounding holiday keepsakes. A friend tells of a Christmas Eve tradition:

"Every Christmas Eve, a well-worn, well-loved copy of *The Night Before Christmas* appears on our coffee table with its beautiful illustrations and familiar text.

From the time our children were very young, Dad sat in the quiet of the living room with the tree lights twinkling and read the story to our sons — and to anyone else who happened to be in our home.

It was a must, just before tucking in the little ones and turning out the light.

Nearly everything in her home during the holidays has special memories, she adds.

"We have wonderful large snowflakes — plastic, but

which look like crystal —

which my husband got many years ago. We have put them at the North star. It is truly beautiful. I was in a jewelry store with my husband, and catching the light, suspended from the ceiling, and on the chimney by the fireplace.

honor custom in many "Keepsakes of memory": all households. A neighbor part of the magic of the holidays, remembers his mother's cook- days and the spirit of the sea- son.

"Each Christmas when I was a boy, the aroma of cookies "This is my favorite time of baking in the oven filled our year, says another friend. "If home. With a recipe held only you're not rushed, it can be in mind, my mother baked wonderful. I went to pick up a 'sand tarts' in the various cake at the bakery recently, shapes of the season — bells, and I had to wait an hour in stars, sleighs, and more. They line. I actually enjoyed it! I were paper thin and would was finished with my other fairly melt in your mouth. No shopping, and I could take others were quite as delicious. time to talk to people and While she is no longer with us, savor the moment.

the custom of baking sand tarts continues, ably orchestrated by my wife in our home here in Princeton. The welcome aroma and delicious result reminds me both of bygone days and those of more recent years as the tradition continues.

"Another 'keepsake of memory' is that of a Christmas scene that my father drew each year in colored chalk on a blackboard mounted in our kitchen. Different from year to year, it was always eagerly awaited and beautifully crafted and so appropriate to the season. A winter landscape with snow-covered houses and trees and skaters on a frozen pond off in the distance is one that comes to mind. It

appeared on Christmas morning and was in a very real

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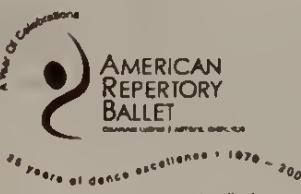
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The reading continued to be a cherished ritual through the years, as the boys grew from youngsters to young adults. When they left home it was done via phone. When one had a fiancé, both he and his special girl listened over the phone as Dad read the story and drew her into our family tradition. This year, the book will appear again and be read again."

Another friend remembers her mother making fudge every Christmas Eve, and now she continues that tradition.

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Master Printers, Printmakers Speak in Pictures at the Zimmerli

A guide to art for children advises museum visitors to be selective and to try to avoid seeing all the artworks at once. It suggests picking a few to examine closely and "to engage them in silent conversation through your eyes."

To give a fair account of a show like the one that opened December 6 at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers, a reviewer has to converse with more than a few of the works on display. The exhibit's name, "Newer Genres: Twenty Years of the Rutgers Archives for Printmaking Studios," suggests the extent of ground to be covered. It's not an inviting title. But, in fact, it's the only thing about the Zimmerli show I would criticize. It doesn't do justice to the wide array of lithographs, chromolithographs, pigment and acrylics, aquatints, etchings, and monotypes, among others, that make a treat for the eyes.

The exhibit could be compared to a cocktail party alive with fascinating company. Lots of New Yorkers are on hand, of course, but there are also master printers and artists from the Bay Area, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, even South Nyack, N.Y. My first "conversation" was with a man in an unidentifiable uniform whose head was a mushroom cloud. This explosive character was depicted in neutral tones except for his tie, which featured the atomic energy symbol and a red dot, the only point of true color. This was moviemaker Bruce Connor's *Bombhead*, from Magnolia Editions studio in Oakland, California.

The next encounter, Richard Shaw's *Fairy Tales 2001*, a lithograph from the same studio, could be compared to a meeting with someone adept at mind-games, a juggler of enigmas who asks more questions than he answers. *Fairy Tales* dazzles you with elements of show business, billboard fragments, an enormous shattered china cup and saucer, a witch on a broomstick, a scattering of playing cards, a raven, and a pagoda. Mr. Shaw also offers the scissors he may have used to cut things up, as if to say: "Take these and put together your own fairy tales." In viewing it, I recalled some of my own memorable experiences with childhood storybooks, not to mention comic books. I was probably only slightly less dazzled by images from the brilliant Carl Barks covers for various Donald Duck adventures and the full-page dynamics of Classics Illustrated scenes from *Les Misérables* than I was years later when I was overwhelmed by an exhibit of Van Gogh in Amsterdam that made the real world look small and tame.

In the exhibit, Terry Allen's aquatints from Teaberry Press in San Francisco have titles that are almost as important as the images: *Broken Hand Angel*, where Death kneels behind some kneeling mortal, and *Secret Admirer*, which shows Mr. Bones again, this time leaning over the form of a female pianist. As you move through the show, you become aware of an insistent, virtually constant undertone, as if someone were obsessively chanting a melancholy litany. At first you might think it's a deranged museumgoer. But eventually you

find out that what you have been hearing is an audio-video installation from the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper. Pepin Osorio's *Lullaby for Mother* is a screen-painted carpet featuring the life-size photographic image of a barefoot mother in jeans holding her baby face to face as she sings to it. Her hypnotic monotone may eventually get on your nerves.

The "Newer Genres" concept doesn't really cover some of the most representative pieces on display. Even the one chosen for the Zimmerli Newsletter, Andrew Raftery's *Open House: Dutch Colonial, 2002*, is a retro chromolithograph image of a familiar scene that fits right into the party context, with people conversing, pictures on the wall, and Mission furniture in evidence. The gathering could as easily be taking place in 1932 as 2002. Or look at Philip Pearlstein's untitled etching from the X Press studio in New York showing a nude in the foreground at a window overlooking New York rooftops more redolent of the early twentieth century than today.

Out of all these vivid conversations, there are limits to what can be squeezed into a mere review. Stay with the party idea and think of the individuals you can fairly say will haunt you on the drive home. For me, these would be two works, both of a hazy orange-gold hue that blended with the setting sun's steady orange-gold glare on my return to Princeton. One, from the Lisa H. Mackie studio, was Nola Zirlin's *The Russian Girl*, a face in soft-focus, closeup, whose large eyes are looking right at you above a fragment torn from a Lufthansa schedule. It was hard to think in terms of "newer genres" when the face might not be out of place in a sketch by Rembrandt or Durer. A second example was Ellen Peckham's muted but fiery crucifixion scene, from Yama Prints in New York. It also gave aesthetic overtones to the sunset. In it, figures appear to be lowering the cross with Christ still on it, using cables, or guy wires.

The image evoked, no doubt inadvertently, last April's toppling of the statue of Saddam Hussein. Many more could be mentioned: Steve Murakishi's *Sprawl Culture*, Jane Dickson's *Cops and Headlights*, Phyllis Plattner's *Legends II*, evoking Mexican folk art, and Elene del Rivero's folio of Iris print and four photo etchings documenting the actual dust and debris of 9/11 on objects in her studio. When you emerge from these encounters in an exhibit as well arranged, varied and vivid as this one, your senses should be heightened, your perceptions sharpened, and the colors of the world should stand out more intensely. You may even enjoy the notion that the sound of jazz on the car stereo makes an excellent counterpoint to your lingering sense of the rhythm of the show. In other words, you should feel that you've come out of a cocktail party where the conversation never flagged and the drinks were potent.

If you want to meet all these fascinating people, you can find them in the Voorhees Special Exhibition Gallery (and on CD-Rom) at the Zimmerli Museum, located on Hamilton Street on the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick, from now until March 24. Museum admission is \$3 (except museum members, Rutgers students, and staff). Hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends noon to 5 p.m.

—Stuart Mitchner



PEOPLE AND PICTURES: Andrew Raftery's chromolithograph, "Open House: Dutch Colonial, 2002," can be viewed with its color and light intact at the Zimmerli Museum's Newer Genres exhibit. It was donated to the Rutgers Archives by the Pyramid Atlantic studio.



"GATHERING STORM": This Stan Cohen photograph is part of a photography exhibit at Gallery 14 on 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell that features more detailed, intimate photographs. Among the artists are Mr. Cohen, Louise Kephart, Heinz Gartlgruber, Jay Goodkind, Ed Greenblatt, Jim Hildendorf, Rhoda Kassof-Isaac, Frank Magelhaes, Coleen Marks, David H. Miller, Margaret Morgan, Harald Shrader, and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through December 21. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 333-8511.

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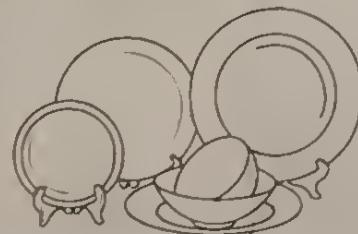
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A DIP IN THE POOL: This oil-on-aluminum painting by Jeff Epstein is part of an exhibit at the Trenton City Museum that also features the work of artists Thom Lynch and Dana Stewart. The exhibit will run through January 4, 2004. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632 or visit www.ellarslie.org.

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Trenton Museum Exhibits Work of Three Area Artists

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are currently displaying a new exhibit featuring painters Jeff Epstein and Thom Lynch, and sculptor Dana Stewart.

The exhibit will run through January 4, 2004.

Mr. Epstein's painting will explore suburban landscapes, with an emphasis on solitude within the setting. He uses grander brush strokes to convey his images.

Mr. Lynch, through more calculated painting techniques, says that he tries to relate with the viewer to convey the meaning of his work. "These are the places where senses and events become imagination," he said.

Through bronze sculpture, Mr. Stewart's says that his art makes textual reference to the "real beast" and stressed line. He maintains a working reference to animal figuration.

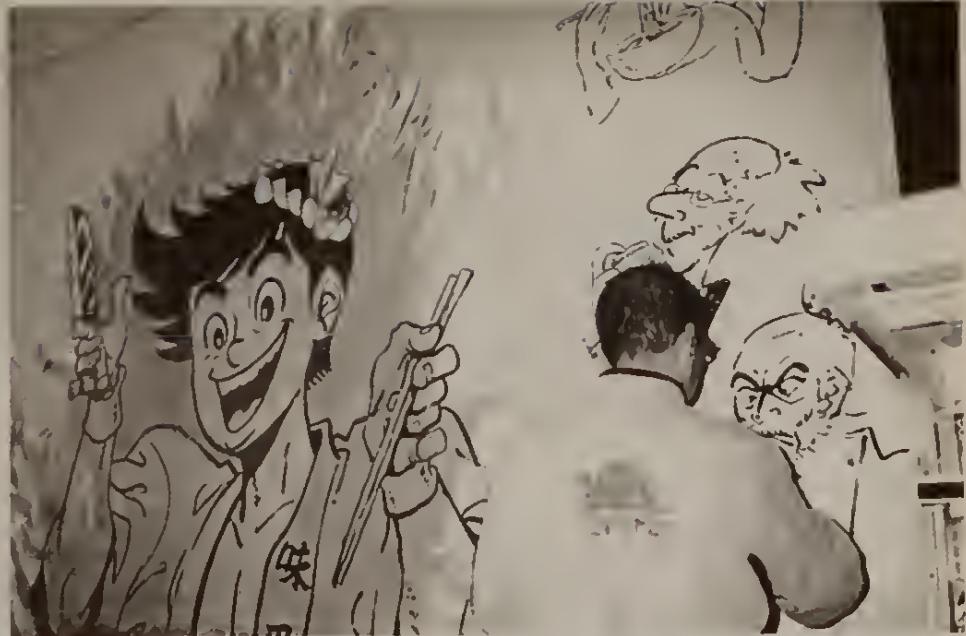
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Young Artists' Work To Be Displayed In Trenton

The Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting "Young Artists at Ellarslie 2004." The exhibit will highlight drawings, prints, paintings, and ceramics of students and their art teachers from the Trenton area.

The exhibit will begin with an opening reception on Thursday, January 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. and run through Sunday, February 22.

During the exhibit, there will be a series of Saturday art workshops.



BIG JOE'S BRUSH STROKE: A mural by Ryuji "Big Joe" Tsukuda has been completed and open for public view at Ajihai Too Japanese Restaurant near the corners of Nassau Street and Olden Lane. Mr. Tsukuda is known in Japan for his cartoon characters, one of which is said to have inspired the 'Iron Chef' competition.

(Photo by M.B. Hersh)

On Saturday, January 17, Hours are 11 a.m. to noon. Space in the workshops is for children in kindergarten through grade 3, and 1 p.m. required. For reservations, call (609) 989-1881.

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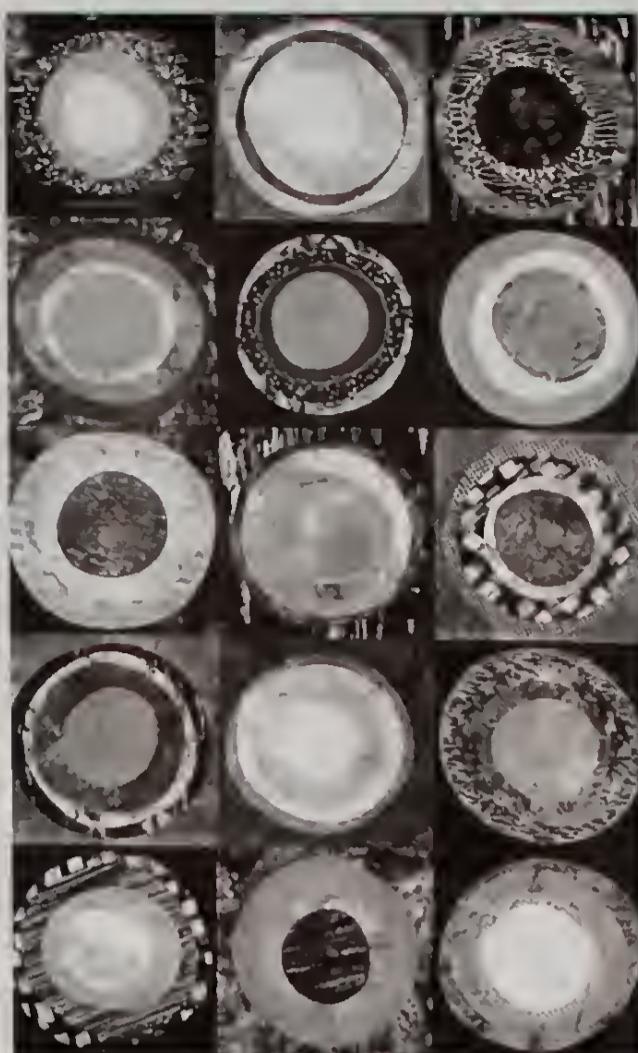
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Co-op Arts, Crafts Gallery Is Open Through Holidays

Just in time for the holidays, All Hands, a cooperative art and craft gallery, has opened at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton.

Space for the temporary gallery, the former American Express Travel Agency at the corner of Hulfish and Chambers streets, was provided by Palmer Square Management.

The gallery will be open through Sunday, December 28 from Saturday-Sunday, and Tuesday-Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, noon to 9 p.m.

All Hands will divide 10 percent of gross sales between Princeton's Clay Street Learning Center and HiTops Teen Health Center.

Half of the craftspeople represented at the gallery belong to the Transformations Group, who, in the past, have shown their work throughout the holiday season at the Princeton University Store. Artisans include potter Connie Bracci-McIndoe; polymer clay jeweler and teacher Susan Kabota; Princeton glassworker Peter Smith; and Ellen Elchel, who will offer her selection of high-fashion handbags.

Other All Hands artists include Armando Sosa, a Guatemalan weaver; photographer and poet Sandra Shapiro; award-winning woodblock printmaker Idahema Williams; calligrapher Seow-Chu See; and Martha Mulford-Dreswick, who taught a basket-making course at the Princeton Day School.

All Hands Gallery dates to the summer of 2002 when Princeton residents Anne Waldron Neumann and Yina Moore began thinking about community-friendly local businesses in the mixed-use buildings next to the new parking garage. In light of the Borough's high retail rents, they suggested that a portion of this public land be used to create

opportunities for locally-owned, small retailers and restaurants. Ms. Neumann then worked with Marianne Grey, a docent at the Princeton University Art Museum to create the foundation for a cooperative gallery of local artisans.

Local Artist's Work Shown At Lawrenceville Gallery

The paintings, drawings, and prints of Kip Reed will appear at an exhibit at the Marguerite and James Hutchins Gallery at the Lawrenceville School from December 5 through January 24, 2004.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, December 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

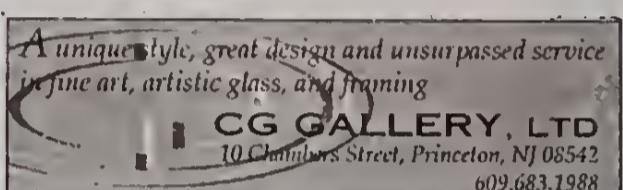
The Marguerite and James Hutchins Gallery at the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Saturday.

Please note the gallery will be closed from Friday, December 19 through Monday, January 5, 2004.

For more information, call (609) 620-6030.



"ECOTEKTURE": Witherspoon Gallery is currently featuring Robert Cannon's sculpture series "Ecotekture" and Elise Wright's photographs from her "Landscape of Sport" exhibit. Both shows will run through January 15, 2004. Daily gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (609) 279-1592.



DREAMING OF A QUILTED CHRISTMAS: This Carol Schepps quilt is on display and on sale at the All Hands Gallery, a cooperative gallery of local artisans that divides 10 percent of gross sales between Princeton's Clay Street Learning Center and HiTops Teen Health Center. The gallery will be open through Sunday, December 28. Gallery hours are Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-0156.

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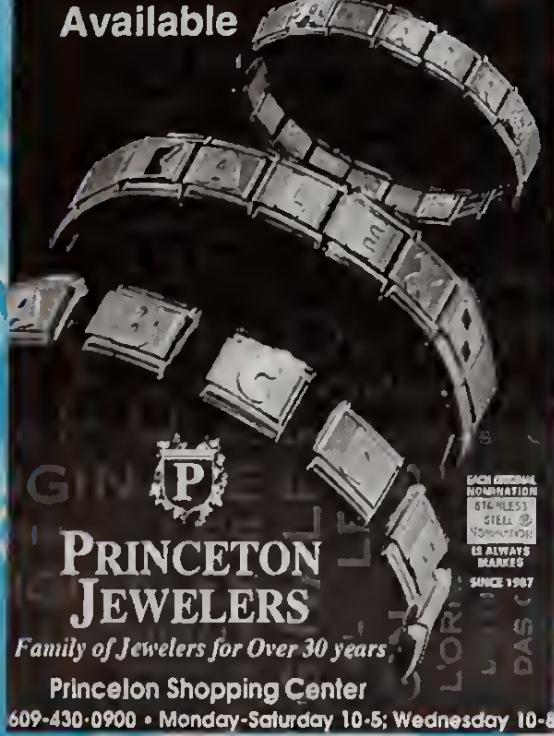
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